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DENNIS THE MENACE cartoon will be used on Fiesta T-shirts and posters.

Foundation to Give Hidden Valley Away

The Packard Foundation wants to give away ownership of the Hidden Valley Music Seminars property in Carmel Valley Village, and the Community Youth Center and the Carmel Valley Park & Recreation District are making a joint bid for it.

The local groups sent a letter of intent to the Los Altos-based foundation created by electronics pioneer David Packard and his wife, Lucile, detailing their interest in the 7.5 acres which contains a theater, dormitories that sleep 80, a dance studio and offices.

In its announcement seeking non-profit, cultural or educational organizations interested in taking over Hidden Valley, the foundation said "the site and the facilities are not currently used to capacity."

The facility presently offers music and dance seminars and books a number of Elderhostel groups. Last year, it hosted 42 week-long Elderhostel sessions.

Colburn Wilbur, executive director of the foundation, was asked why the foundation wanted to give away the property it acquired in 1986. "We're really not in the land management business," he told the *Sun*.

He added that Hidden Valley Music Seminars had been protected by the purchase and now seemed to be stable, but the Packards wanted to strengthen the performing arts programs offered there by bringing in a new owner with common interests.

In its announcement letter, the foundation noted that Hidden Valley Music Seminars, which is headed by Peter Meckel, has 15 years to run on its lease which pays $20,000 a year. Wilbur said the new owners would "be legally bound to honor the lease."

Meckel told the *Sun* that he would "feel good about any creative effort that would support what we are doing (and) draw us closer to the community..."

He said he had not been contacted by representatives of the Community Center and park district, but he and some members of his board had discussed the pending change of ownership with other organizations interest in the property. He did not identify them.

Meckel added that while time was available in the theater to expand programs, the dormitories were fairly booked up. "We have long hoped to add another dorm for Elderhostel," Meckel said.

The foundation said that in seeking new owners, it also was looking for:

- A balance between quality and community service.
- Continued emphasis on performing arts education programs, "especially multidisciplinary."

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Fiesta Features Cartoonist Hank Ketcham

Dennis the Menace and his creator, Hank Ketcham, will share the spotlight during the Carmel Valley Fiesta Aug. 11 and 12 with some of the hottest musical groups and best food on the Central Coast.

Ketcham, a former resident of the Valley who now lives in Pebble Beach, will serve as grand marshal for the Fiesta parade which starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11.

Parade organizer Randy Randazzo said that Ketcham had been extremely cooperative in allowing the Fiesta to use his drawings of Dennis to promote the parade, a 10-k race and the overall celebration.

In addition, Stew Clough, president of the Carmel Valley History Society, said Ketcham had authorized his group to use Dennis cartoons on T-shirts to help raise money for the society's building fund and on posters to benefit the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis is the general sponsor of the Fiesta.

The Fiesta will provide two days of music, food, games, sports and arts and crafts sales. It will feature the parade Saturday with a street dance and barbecue that evening. The 10-kilometer race will be staged on Sunday.

Clough said Ketcham would greet people and sign autographs on the midway on the community park grounds where the T-shirts and posters will be sold after the parade. Clough added that regular Dennis T-Shirts will cost $15 and ones with Ketcham's silk-screened autograph will be $25.

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A Department Under Seige

Some Critics Blame Planning Disarray on County Structure

By Stan Hall

Attorney Tony Lombardo laughed softly when told that at least some residents believe that he can somehow get almost any proposed development project approved by the County Planning Department.

The son of former water board chairman Nick Lombardo and a member of a Salinas law firm, Lombardo said the success he has had results only from a great deal of experience, a willingness to compromise when necessary and not losing his cool.

"The process is very complex. I don't see how a layman can understand it. It would be like me going to a hospital and trying to do open heart surgery," Lombardo told the *Sun*.

He added that he was sorry about the situation that the County Planning Department finds itself in. It is swamped by a growing workload, weakened by vacancies and a 60 percent turnover rate and facing an intimidating backlog of applications.

Moreover, it is facing a crisis in public confidence caused by a perception that the process is not only inefficient but sometimes unfair, driven by politics and lacking leadership.

"People get frustrated and become confrontational," Lombardo said. "I've found that doesn't work. You have to be willing to compromise."

Headed by Robert Slimmon, Jr., for the past seven years, the Planning Department is one of Monterey County's most powerful bureaucracies, administering and enforcing literally thousands of rules and regulations governing development.

Its responsibilities have grown dramatically in the past decade or so. The state's growing population is exerting increasing pressure for development. State guidelines such as those contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) make planners' jobs more exacting. Having taken over from the state, the County now must also administer and enforce the myriad rules governing the coastal zone. And the completion of area plans has overlaid an additional level of regulation on top of the County's general plan.

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LETTERS

No Valley Prejudice

As a resident of the Valley, and as a member of the Citizens' Subdivision Evaluation Committee, I want to refute Mr. Richard Pryor's assertion that his proposed development on the Holt Ranch is being obstructed by a Valley prejudice against low-to-moderate income housing. I have never heard such a sentiment expressed in the Valley, indeed a prime goal of our Carmel Valley Master Plan is "socio-economic diversity," which means a place for all income levels.

Our committee's objections to Mr. Pryor's proposal were based primarily on the lack of water, and secondly on the visual and other impacts of 140 clustered houses on a still-rural hillside south of Mid-valley.

Writing as an individual familiar with low-cost housing, let me say that none of the developers who have tried to get credit for so-called low-to-moderate income housing is really adressing the need. They propose houses costing $120,000 or so, at the upper end of the class as Monterey County defines it. The individual working in the Valley who earns $5-$10 per hour can afford only a small and simple house, renting for $300-$500 or selling for perhaps $40,000. When developers recognize these limitations, and perhaps accept a smaller profit, the term "low-to-moderate" income housing may cease to be the hypocritical buzzword which it is now.

Robert Greenwood
Carmel

Masterful Plan

Congratulations to the staff of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for the master plan they propose for the district. The goals are ambitious. They propose to acquire some of the most beautiful real estate in the area, and to *think that all of us may have use of that land is an exciting prospect. Parks and preserves, strategically placed,* give the kind of breathing space that will insure a high quality of life for all of us in the next century.

While it's unfortunate that natural resource constraints (lack of water, etc.) limit the plans of private developers, it may come as welcome relief that the district may be able to buy their land and thus allow them to profit without breaking ground. In my view, any developer who works toward the fulfillment of the master plan is a hero for our time. I'll happily pay a higher tax dollar to see it go to projects with this bright vision.

Lloyd A. Jones
Big Sur

Set the Record Straight

The Sierra Club would like to set the record straight on a recent article in the Carmel Valley Sun, "Heuer Says Letters Supporting Land Swap for New Dam Critical." Mr. Heuer, speaking as chair of the Water District Board is quoted as saying "...that the district had worked closely with the local chapter of the Sierra Club in planning the swap and had revised the location of the land it proposed to trade to the government at the suggestion of the group." This refers to the proposed trade of 100 acres of land owned by Cal-Am for 50 acres of Ventana Wilderness, part of which the Water Management District would flood if it builds a 24,000 acre foot reservoir at the proposed Los Padres site. Mr. Heuer's statement, if accurately reported, is incorrect as is any implication that the Ventana Chapter endorses writing letters to Senators Wilson, Cranston and Bumpers in support of the proposed swap.

The Ventana Chapter has no argument with the need for additional water for residents and businesses in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. The Chapter has also long had a concern with the proposed wilderness flooding. It must be pointed out, however, that the Sierra Club has had national policies for many years that oppose exchanging, removing or flooding designated wilderness.

Additionally, the Sierra Club has not supported Senator Wilson's bill which is inadequate. The Club has instead supported the much stronger bill introduced by Senator Cranston.

The Sierra Club at both the local and national level, therefore, cannot and does not endorse the proposed land swap or writing letters supporting Senator Wilson's bill.

Chris Broadwell, Chair
Executive Committee
Sierra Club, Ventana Chapter.

Hope Dog Survived

I was driving over the Laureles Grade last week and witnessed a sight I've been unable to get out of my mind.

Coming from the other direction was a small pickup truck and something was hanging over the side. As I got closer, I realized to my horror it was a dog. I tried to get the driver's attention but I don't think I was successful.

I am sending out my plea and asking anyone who ties their dog in back, if you care about them at all, please tie them up close to the center of the cab. The sight of that poor dog will haunt me for a long time. I pray that he somehow survived.

Sharon Leigh
Carmel Valley

Freeway Is a Bad Idea

The Hatton Canyon Freeway is a bad idea. It was a bad idea 30 years ago and it's a bad idea now.

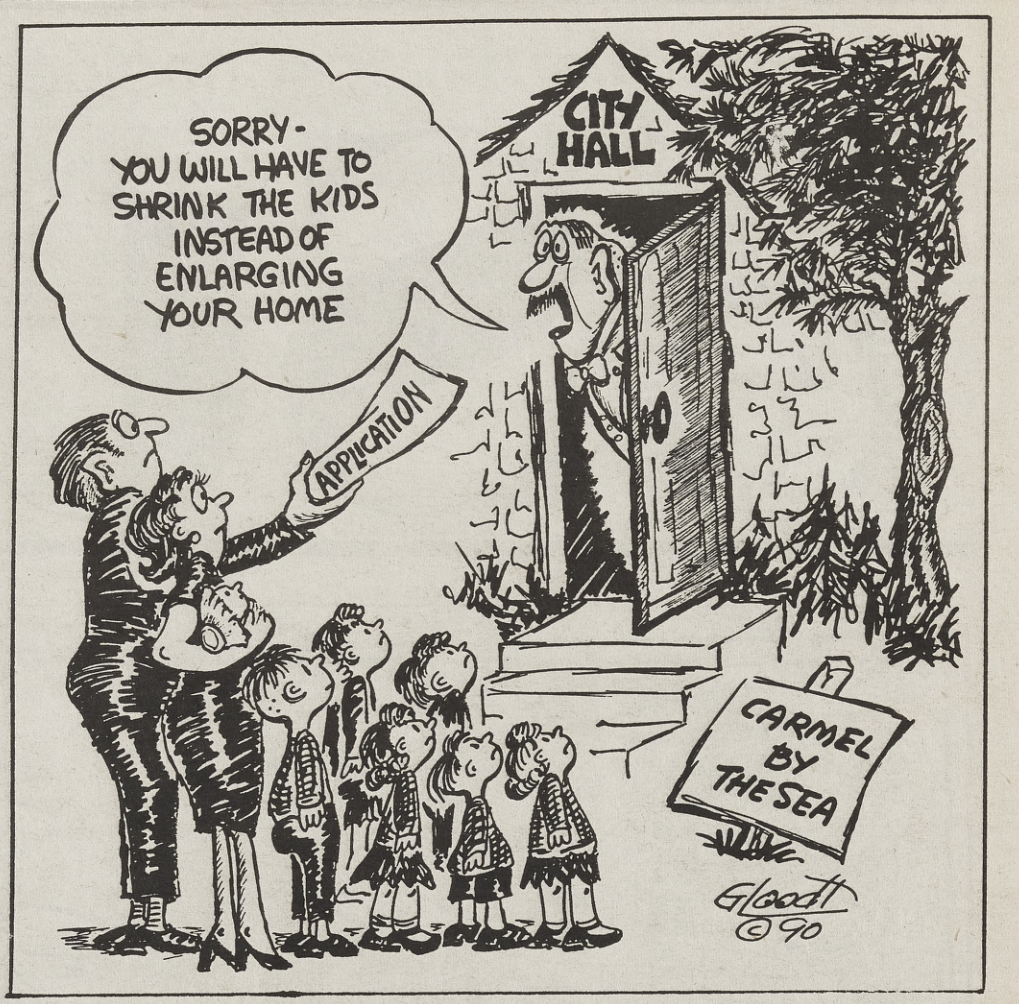
There is a precedent for an urban area saying "NO!" to Cal-Trans. Over 30 years ago, in 1959, San Franciscans stopped seven super highways at the city limits and the Embarcadero Freeway in mid-air. In 1966, they refused $250,000,000 in federal funds slated for further freeway construction. Last June, they voted to tear down the now earthquake-damaged Embarcadero Freeway.

What did San Franciscans know 30 years ago and last June that our local politicians and some citizens don't know now? They knew that Cal-Trans is willing to destroy the natural setting. They also figured out that Cal-Trans does not solve traffic problems. Can Cal-Trans explain why, in spite of the most extensive and sophisticated freeway system in the world, the average speed per car in the Los Angeles/San Diego, San Jose and San Francisco Bay Area has continued to decrease? The reason is that all measures to move vehicular traffic by means of roads in an urban area will always lag behind the development those very measures promote.

Having witnessed the construction of the urban freeway system in California, I can say that Cal-Trans has never solved a problem. Instead, they have created a life style. If this life style is attractive to some people, I suggest that they may be living in the wrong area.

There are intelligent and rational solutions available which don't include the destruction of Hatton Canyon. Let's proceed with them and leave Hatton Canyon alone.

Neil Agron
Carmel



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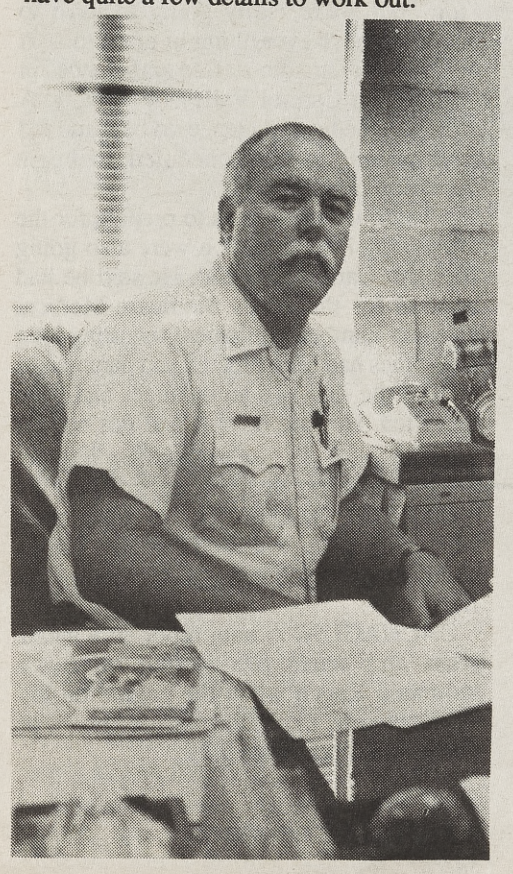
CV Fire District to Consider No-Fee Ambulance Election

The Carmel Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors will consider a proposal Aug. 8 to ask homeowners to approve a $44 a year parcel tax to maintain no-fee to the victim emergency ambulance service.

Fire Chief Bob Heald said he intended to bring the proposal up again now that it appears that a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) will be formed to oversee the introduction and operation of paramedic staffed ambulances in the region.

"I believe the board will make a decision at this meeting," Heald said. "We do still have quite a few details to work out."



BOB HEALD

The JPA, made up of the Carmel, Carmel Valley and Mid Valley fire departments, also covers Cachagua, Carmel Highlands, Big Sur and County service areas (CSA) 39 and 43. CSA 39 is on Rio Road and 43 is located next to Community Hospital.

Heald earlier discussed the idea of asking voters to approve a special parcel tax to pay for paramedic-staffed emergency ambulance service with the directors. But they took no action, since the formation of the JPA was delayed by start-up capital needs and a projected cash shortfall during its first year of operation. The JPA will seek a loan from the County to cover those costs and hopes to begin operation by Sept. 1.

Heald told the Sun that the benefit assessment tax which would be $44 for single-family homes and prorated for other types of property would bring in $90,000 a year to pay the higher costs associated with adding paramedics to the ambulances.

Heald said if the Carmel Valley Fire Department responded to a call outside the district—say to Cachagua—the victim would have to pay for the service according to a county-set fee schedule. Depending on conditions, an emergency ambulance call to Cachagua could cost $1,000 or more.

Ambulance service in the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur region traditionally has been provided without charging the victims. This has been possible because of two principal factors:

o The ambulances have been staffed by firemen, many of them volunteers, trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) who donated their time and services.

o The Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross donated three ambulances for use by the Carmel Valley, Carmel and Big Sur fire departments. In addition, the Mid Valley Fire Department owns its own ambulance which it has operated up to now without charging victims.

The use of more highly trained paramedics on all emergency ambulances in the County was approved by voters in 1988 along with a special per-parcel tax to help pay for ambulances.

But the so-called Measure A funds do not cover all the costs associated with providing three, around-the-clock paramedics to serve the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur region.

Most other fire departments in the region decided to charge victims for service to help pay for emergency ambulances. But the Carmel Valley group decided it would ask voters if they wanted to approve a special property assessment to maintain no-fee to the victim service.

If a special benefit assessment is approved by voters in the district, it would, in effect, serve as an insurance policy to protect people against having to pay

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After 16 Years as A Supervisor

Petrovic Charged in Morals Case

Dusan Petrovic, 79, chairman of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, faces arraignment Aug. 18 on misdemeanor charges that he grabbed or fondled a 16-year-old homeless girl who went to his King City office seeking help.

Petrovic was arrested July 20 by an investigator from the district attorney's office after the girl went to his office wearing a concealed radio transmitter. After his arrest, other alleged victims came forward suggesting a pattern of such behavior. So did court documents compiled by Assistant District Attorney Eugene Martinez.

The girl who initiated the series of events that led to Petrovic's arrest is the mother of a 2 1/2 month-old baby. She told King City police he tried to force his attentions on her when she went to his office seeking his help in finding a place to live. After hearing her story, authorities sent her back to see Petrovic wearing recording equipment. They listened to the conversation and arrested him.

Armed with a search warrant, investigators then found in his office more than 50 photographs of nude women, several men's magazines and Polaroid pictures of nude women, including one with what appeared to be pubic hairs glued to it.

Petrovic, who chaired a brief supervisors' meeting Tuesday after his arrest, complained to reporters afterward that the investigation of him amounted to an "inquisition." He said: "They are chasing everyone and his uncle."

If convicted, Petrovic would face a maximum sentence of a year in jail and a $1,000 fine on each of the four couts of "annoying or molesting a child under 18."

A native of Yugoslavia who was imprisoned by the Germans during World War II, Petrovic has served 16 years on the Board of Supervisors representing the third district. But he faces a runoff election in November against Tom Perkins, a member of the King City City Council and mayor pro-tem.

Petrovic has not discussed his political plans publicly since his arrest, but a King City resident who knows him well said he doubted he would pull out of the race.

"He's hardnosed, aggressive and obstinate. I think he'll try to bull his way through, but I can't imagine him winning after this," the resident said.

Information gathered by Martinez and investigator James D. Brown showed that several girls hired by Petrovic as part of a work experience program at King City High School were among his alleged victims in the past.

But two of the women who came forward after his arrest also said he arranged $1,000 scholarships for them. Petrovic created the Serajevo Scholarships—named for his birthplace—in 1984 when he declined to take increases in his supervisor's salary and used the increases to fund the scholarships.

Court documents said Petrovic tried to force himself on the 16-year-old girl on four occasions, rubbing her leg and trying to push up her shorts, grabbing her breast and trying to kiss her.

None of the alleged victims in the case were identified. Petrovic was freed after posting $2,000 bail.

Petrovic's attorney, William Bryan of Salinas, said after reading the allegations that he was shocked. But he was quoted as having added: "Is there any way this could have been a setup?"

But the King City man who knew Petrovic well and talked to the *Sun* said rumors about Petrovic's behavior toward young girls had circulated in King City for some time. "Until this girl went to the police, I guess none of the victims wanted to make a big fuss about it. Now that it's out, a lot of them are coming forward."

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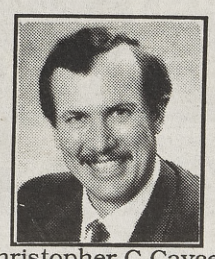

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SHERIFF'S LOG

CACHAGUA. A woman reported that windows and a door at her home on Cachagua Road were broken. 7/8

CACHAGUA. An employe of Featherbow Ranch reported finding a relay and pump control missing from a pump. 7/8.

MID VALLEY. A resident complained about a loud band at Saddle Mountain. 7/8.

CACHAGUA. A man reported two people with flashlights were trespassing on his property; they were gone when deputies arrived. 7/9

HIGHWAY 1. An employe reported that a motorcycle was left on the Carmel River School playground. 7/10.

CROSSROADS. A Carmel woman reported someone removed her purse from her shopping cart at Longs Drugs, taking $5 and credit cards. 7/11.

CROSSROADS. A Highlands woman reported someone took her purse from a shopping cart at Safeway;she lost $30 and credit cards. 7/11.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel Valley woman reported someone took her wallet from her shopping cart at Albertsons, taking $5 and credit cards. 7/11.

CROSSROADS. A Campbell, Calif., woman reported someone took her wallet from a shopping cart at Longs Drugs, stealing $30 and credit cards. 7/11. Deputies said a possible suspect in the theft of wallets from shopping carts was an olive complexioned man, in his 40s, with graying hair. He was described as about 6-foot and stocky.

VILLAGE. A woman reported suspects came into her home on Upper Circle twice within 20 minutes, letting the air out of a motorcycle tire and trying to steal her dog. 7/11.

MID VALLEY. A man reported his mother had wandered away from his home on Tierra Grande; the woman was found about two hours later walking on Carmel Valley Road near Del Mesa. 7/12.

RIO ROAD. Employes at the ARCO Station reported a customer left without paying for his gasoline. 7/12.

HIGHWAY 1. Deputies saw a large group of juveniles drinking beer at Monastery Beach and confiscated the keg. 7/13.

HIGHWAY 1. A man from the Navy Post Graduate School reported losing his wallet with $72 in it at Mission Ranch bar. 7/13.

HIGHWAY 1. An employee at Carmel River Inn reported a peeping tom and asked deputies to watch the motel closely. 7/14.

CROSSROADS. Longs Drugs reported a shoplifter who took two bottles of liquor scuffled with a security man and got away. 7/14.

VILLAGE. A resident stopped on Del Fino Place and found to be driving with a suspended license was taken into custody and his car towed away. 7/14.

SLEEPY HOLLOW. Two youths found racing their car through the residential area were evicted by deputies. 7/15.

VILLAGE. A Sacramento woman telephoned deputies to report the theft last March of a ring valued at $3500 while she was visiting on Los Arboles. 7/15.

RIO ROAD. A woman reported a window on her BMW was smashed as it sat outside her home on a trailer. 7/15.

CACHAGUA. An Oakland woman reported the theft of two backpacks that had been left overnight on Chews Ridge. 7/15.

MID VALLEY. A woman on Valley Greens Drive reported a prowler; investigating deputies removed a possum from her garage. 7/15.

VILLAGE. A resident reported a burglary on Phelps way in which jewelry was stolen. 7/16.

CARMEL VALLEY MANOR. A woman reported the theft of a pearl necklace.7/17

CARMEL VALLEY MANOR. A woman reported the theft of a diamond and sapphire ring. 7/17.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel woman reported her purse was taken from her shopping cart at Albertsons. 7/17.

CARMEL RANCHO. A doctor reported the theft of prescription forms from his office; he said they were being used in Gilroy. 7/17.

HIGHWAY 1 An employe at Carmel River Inn reported hearing voices from the river bed; investigation showed it was Flood Control workers. 7/18.

CROSSROADS. The Bank of America reported a forgery occurred on 7/10; a suspect was arrested in Seaside. 7/18.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel Valley woman reported an equipment bag containing two baseball mitts was stolen from her unlocked car. 7/18.

RIO ROAD. A wallet belonging to a Carmel woman was found in the street. 7/18.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Monterey woman reported the theft of her wallet while she was shopping at Albertsons on 7/16. 7/19.

CACHAGUA. A man reported a small grass and brush fire started on Buck Mountain Ranch when the engine on his Volkswagen exploded while he was checking for poachers. 7/19

Inadvertently omitted from the previous sheriff's log was:

VILLAGE. A woman reported a daylight burglary at her home on Marquard. 6/23.

Paramedic Ambulances Move Closer to Reality

The three other regions in the County have given their okay to the Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur area's plan to seek a loan of about $120,000 from the county to help it put paramedic-staffed ambulances into operation.

But as Chief Gary Carmichael of the Mid Valley Fire Department traveled from South County to the Salinas and Monterey regions, each conditioned its approval on slightly different prohibitions against using so-called Measure A funds.

The differences must be compromised by the County Emergency Medical Services executive committee, which is then expected to give its approval. When it does, one of the last remaining roadblocks will have been removed to the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), run by area fire departments, to oversee the operation of paramedic-staffed ambulances.

The loan is necessary to offset projected start-up costs and cash-flow shortfalls during its first year of operation. In addition to the loan, which must be repaid at prevailing interest rates, the JPA also will get an annual subsidy of some $260,000 from Measure A.

Measure A was approved in 1988 by a countywide vote, stipulating that paramedics should be used to staff all emergency ambulances in the county. The Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur region has been using firemen trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

Although Measure A also provided for a special per-parcel tax, it is not enough to cover all the additional costs of hiring three, around-the-clock paramedics to serve this region of the County.

Carmichael, whose department is the lead agency for the JPA, was asked if he thought the JPA now would become a reality.

"It looks like it will fly," he told the *Sun*, "but we're really going to have to hustle" to have everything in place to start operating paramedic-staffed ambulances in Carmel and Carmel Valley by Sept. 1. A third paramedic ambulance, to be stationed in Big Sur, is not scheduled to begin operation until January.

Meantime, other steps to prepare for the JPA going into operation were also going forward, Carmichael said. He said he had applied for the JPA's Medicare-Medical provider number, equipment requiring long lead-times had been ordered and paramedics to staff the first two ambulances had been recruited. He said he still had not bought

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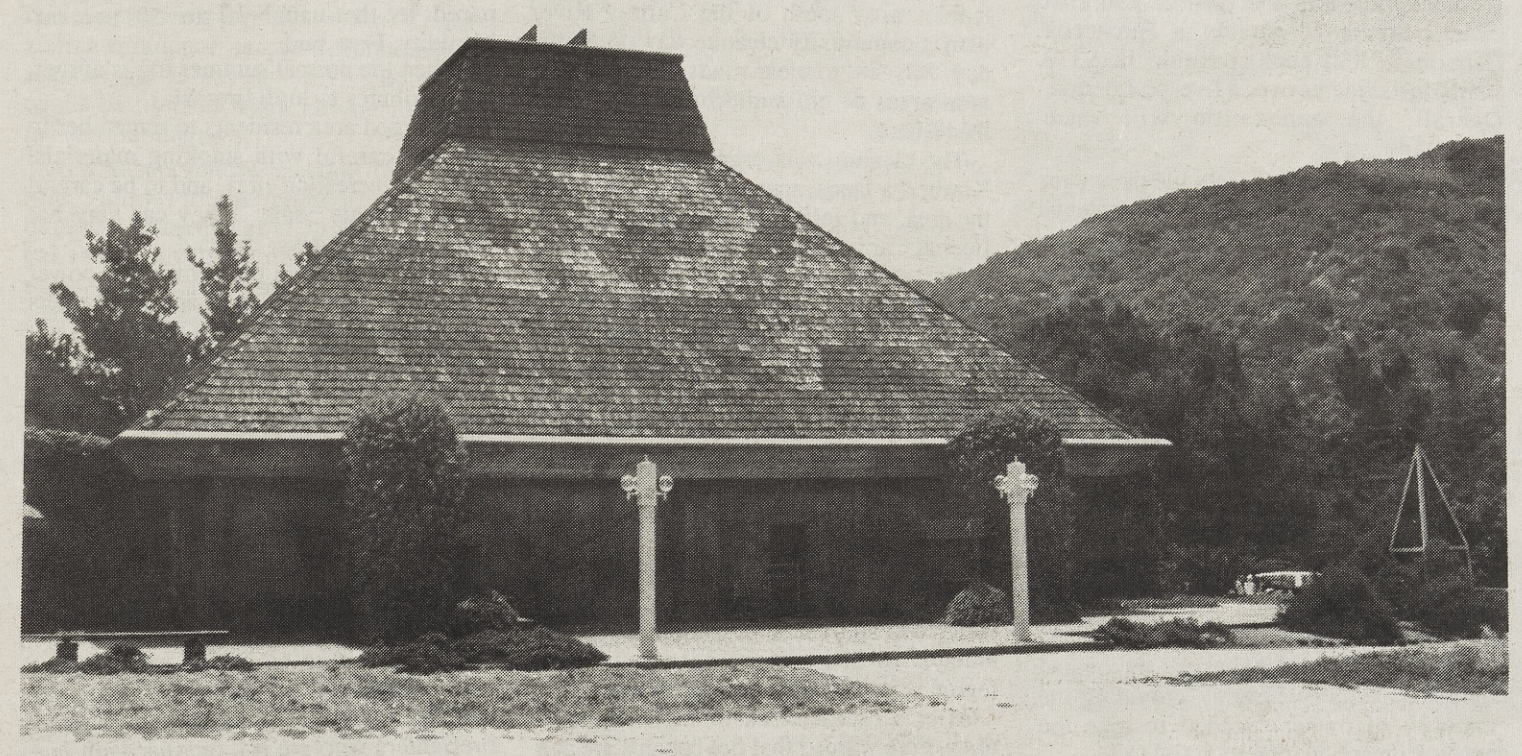

HIDDEN VALLEY THEATER is the centerpiece of the 7 1/2 acre property owned by the Packard Foundation, which now wishes to give it to new owners. The parcel also contains a dance studio, kitchen, men's and women's dorms and offices. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Hidden Valley to be Given to New Owners

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• New uses which would not overtax the Valley's water supply or traffic on Carmel Valley Road.

Asked how many groups the foundation had contacted about possibly assuming ownership of the property, Wilbur said, "Not many, say 10 or 12. They're mostly in the immediate area, but one is as far away as San Jose."

Spokespersons for the Community Center and the park district declined to discuss details of their letter of intent to the foundations, saying they would spell out their plans to the community in great detail if they are are a mong the finalists being considered by the foundation.

Letters of intent had to be filed with the foundation by July 23. From that group, three finalists will be selected to spell out their plans for Hidden Valley in greater detail by Oct. 1. A final decision will be made no later than December, the foundation said.

Chuck McKay, a member of the park district board of directors, said while his group was interested in ownership of the property, "it needs a lot of work. They're old buildings, but with work, they could be a tremendous asset to us. We're proceeding cautiously, but we're definitely interested."

At the Community Center, manager Kathleen Tarp was not cautious. "This could be a dream come true for us," she said. The Community Center has talked publicly in the past about trying to build a combination gymnasium and performing arts center.

The foundation said that to be eligible for consideration, an organization must have existed for at least three years, have federal tax-exempt status, be professionally staffed and have experience in facility management.

The Community Center is non-profit and depends on fundraising, donations and grants to meet its budget. The park district is funded by a special per-parcel tax, and its annual budget is about $80,000.

The decision to give the property away apparently grew out of the work of an advisory committee made up of "distinguished community leaders from the region to study alternatives for the future of the site."

Hidden Valley Music Seminars also is non-profit, and Meckel said a shortage of funds sometimes has kept it from doing all that it wanted to.

Wreck Kills Man in Valley

A 67-year-old man was killed and a women seriously hurt July 14 when his car sped through the stop sign at Los Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Roads and collided with hers.

The California Highway Patrol identified the dead man as Ira Finney of Dixon, Calif., said to be a frequent visitor to the area. The injured woman was Elizabeth Forshaw Granoff, 66, of Carmel Valley who suffered a broken leg, cuts and bruises.

"There is no doubt in my mind that she would not have survived if she had not been wearing her seat belt," said CHP Sgt. Mike Starr. He said Finney also was wearing his seat belt.

Finney was driving a small Japanese subcompact car while the woman was driving a full-size U. S. sedan. Starr said Finney's car reportedly was coming down Los Laureles grade at speeds up to 60 miles an hour just before the accident.

Suspecting a mechanical malfunction, the CHP had the brakes on Finney's vehicle checked after the wreck. Starr said it suffered a lot of damage but investigating mechanics concluded that they had been operative. Results of an autopsy on the dead man were not available when the *Sun* went to press.

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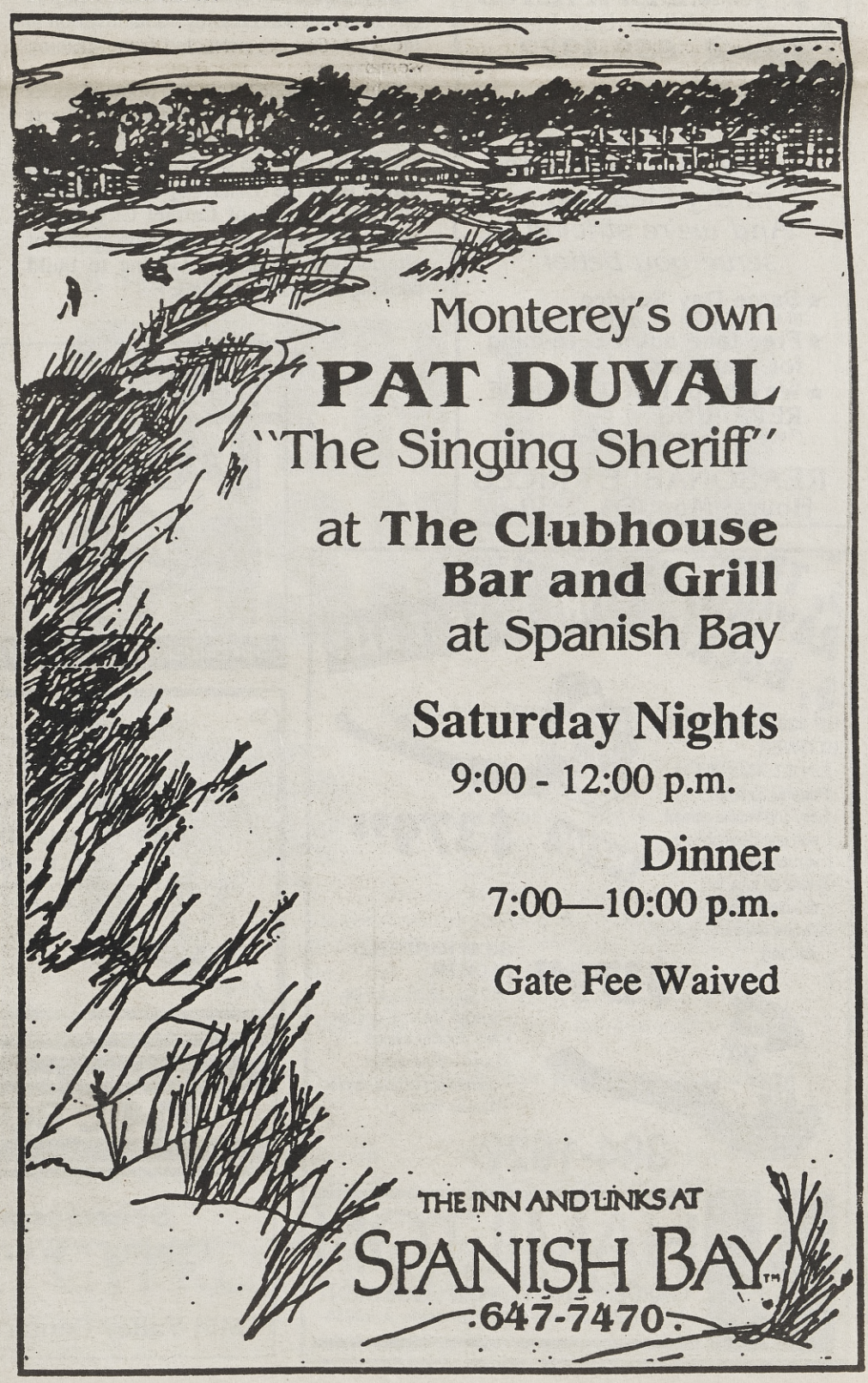

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Hitchcock Canyon Residents Vote to Join Valley Fire District

Hitchcock Canyon property owners have approved being annexed by the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District, but their final transfer from California Division of Forestry protection may not take place until the peak fire season is over.

Chief Bob Heald of the Carmel Valley Fire Department said that with residents approving the transfer, the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) now must hold a public hearing and give its final okay.

"It's encouraging that no formal opposition to our annexation of Hitchcock Canyon has surfaced so far," Heald told the Sun. "I hope that this continues so that we don't have to hold an election (in November) which would slow the process and be more costly."

The issue of which agency should have principal responsibility for protecting the area above and south of Robles del Rio came to a head last year when two potentially serious fires broke out in the canyon. The area is characterized by substandard roads and bridges, lack of clearance for large fire trucks and a lack of fire connections on the water system. After the fires, residents reversed their rejection of a proposal several years ago for them to join the Carmel Valley district.

As it is, firefighters from the CDF had to go through the Carmel Valley Fire District to reach Hitchcock Canyon, where about 20 homes are located, and the Carmel Valley fire station is closer to the area than the CDF Tularcitos station.

Annexation into the district will cost owners of the 27 parcels in Hitchcock Canyon $1,850 each, payable in $370 yearly installments over a five-year period. Overall, the annexation will raise $30,000.

Heald said as money from the payments comes in he plans to talk with residents about how it should be spent to improve fire protection in the area. He added, however, his first inclination was to install additional valves on the water system in the area so his firemen could more easily access it.

A spokeswoman for LAFCO said the commission's next meeting would be Aug. 28, and it might not take up the Hitchcock Canyon annexation until a following meeting on Sept. 25 if Heald's application required any modification or additional information.

As of July 19, Heald said 15 of the 27 property owners in Hitchcock Canyon had returned letters of consent, providing the majority of owners needed to take the annexation application to LAFCO.

Heald said recent homeowner improvements to the road in the canyon had improved access significantly on the lower half, but the upper part still is so narrow and winding that only small fire trucks could get up it.

Fires Banned on Part Of Carmel River Beach

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has banned all fires, including barbecues, on the north end of Carmel River State Beach starting Aug. 1.

An announcement said the ban was necessary because of an accumulation of soot and charcoal was creating contamination in the areas that are protected from washing by the ocean.

The ban extends from the point of rocks at the Carmel River mouth to Stewarts Cove below Carmel Point.

Officials said the south end of the beach across from the Monastery on Highway 1 and flat portions of Carmel City Beach south of Ocean Avenue provide excellent alternatives for those wishing to build cooking and warming fires.

High Fire Danger Prompts Robles Community Cleanup on Saturday

With fire danger high, residents of the Robles area south of the Carmel River plan a community cleanup day on Saturday, July 28, to clear roadsides and common areas of grass and brush that could feed a blaze.

The cleanup was organized by Wendy Kimber, a landscaper who is a resident of the area, and Jeff Frye, fire prevention officer at Carmel Valley Fire Department.

Organizers, urging all residents to take part, said they also would clean up the yards of any elderly or handicapped residents who couldn't do the work themselves.

Kimber said Jim Carroll and Bill Parsons, owners of Carmel Valley Disposal, will provide Robles residents with free dumping of organic matter the day of the cleanup.

"This is a one-time event because of the severity of this year's fire season and the dangerous amount of brush that has accumulated in this area," Kimber said. The region is in its fourth year of drought.

After a recent week of high temperatures, Frye warned that fire hazards are at a critical state. On July 12, it was a 100 degrees with 15 percent humidity as compared to the usual 40 to 50 percent humidity, Frye said.

When the normal summer fog is absent, it contributes to high fire risk.

He urged area residents to remember to be very careful with smoking materials, not light recreation fires, and to be careful with barbecue coals. "They can stay hot for a couple of days," he said.

When working in the yard watch power tools such as lawn mowers and weed eaters to make sure a spark from them does not start a fire, Frye said. Another preventative measure is to refrain from parking vehicles in tall weeds or dry grass.

"It's most important to prepare yourself for a fire," Frye said. "Make sure there is a defensible space around your home with a minimum of 30 feet clearance. Clean the pine needles off your roofs and gutters. Trees should be kept 10 feet from your roofline."

He also said to be certain to post your house number in an easy to see place. "In case of a big fire a lot of out-of-town firefighters who are not familiar with our addresses and streets would be here."

Scouts to Try to Work Out Little Sur Repair at Swimming Hole

The local Council of Boy Scouts said it would attempt to meet County requirements for repairing damage caused when a swimming hole on the Little Sur River at its Pico Blanco Camp was illegally cleared out this spring.

Representatives of the Scouts met with officials from the County Counsel's office on July 19 to discuss conditions for an emergency permit to halt further damage. If an out-of-court settlement can be reached on the emergency permit, public hearings would then be held on a long-range permit setting conditions under which the Scouts could continue to use the swimming hole.

Dean Crafton, executive director of the council, told the *Sun*: "Our goal is to try to meet their requirements if we can do so."

County Counsel Ralph Kuchler said his office would not bring formal charges against the Scouts "if they're willing to get the appropriate permits and fix any damage they have caused."

In a separate action growing out of the same case, the District Attorney's office has filed misdemeanor charges against Robert Lambert, assistant director of the council, on a Fish & Game complaint. Action on the misdemeanor charge has been delayed in Municipal Court.

Kuchler told the *Sun* that the Scouts, in cleaning silt and debris out of the swimming hole and preparing it for use this summer, dammed up the river to a greater extent than before. He said the grading took out more bank than before and left silt where it could get into steelhead spawning grounds downstream and damage them.

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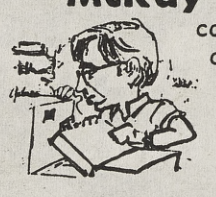

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Group Opposes Title 21 Provisions For Ending Nonconforming Uses

A regional citizens' advisory subcommittee reviewing a proposed new County zoning ordinance agreed unanimously to recommend removing provisions which could be used to force an end to legal, nonconforming uses.

At a subcommittee meeting July 12 at Mid Valley Fire Department, a chicken farm was discussed as an example of a legal, nonconforming use—it was legal when it was established, but over the years, the zoning changed as the area grew up and the farm may now be inappropriate in the eyes of at least some neighbors.

Title 21, a proposed new zoning ordinance for all unincorporated areas of the County except the coastal zone, contains provisions which would allow the Board of Supervisors to terminate legal, nonconforming uses.

The 300-page document was drafted by the Planning Department to reflect the County general plan and the area plans which modify it. State law requires the adoption of a new ordinance to replace one written in the 1950s and amended many times over. But when the public got wind of Title 21, so much opposition was voiced that the Board of Supervisors created a citizens' advisory group to review it.

At a meeting of the full committee in Salinas on July 19, it was agreed that a Sept. 4 deadline for completing the review of Title 21 was unrealistic. Members said Oct. 16 was the very earliest a report back to the Board of Supervisors could be completed.

The local area regional subcommittee has set two more public hearings, for July 25 and Aug. 2, at Mid Valley Fire Department at 7 p.m. Members of the subcommittee urged residents to attend and provide their input into the controversial ordinance.

Under the proposed ordinance's provisions, proceedings to end legal, nonconforming uses could be initiated by a petition signed by 25 percent of the property owners with 1,000 feet or by resolutions either by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. Public hearings by both the Planning Commission and the supervisors would be required.

Spokesmen for agricultural interests spoke against the provisions, saying existing regulations against maintaining a threat to health, safety or welfare could be used against public nuisances. They argued that the other regional subcommittees also proposed to eliminate those provisions, adding that if they remained when Title 21 was adopted, they might be used unfairly against some property owners.

In another decision, the subcommittee representing the Carmel Valley, Cachagua, Greater Monterey and Toro areas also agreed to oppose giving the Planning Department sweeping authority to issue many additional permits without public hearings.

At the instigation of subcommittee member Pat Bernardi, the group agreed that the department should have authority to grant administrative permits in some areas. But they specifically opposed allowing administrative permits for development in heavy commercial and light and heavy industrial regions.

During the discussion, subcommittee member Ken Whitson, a civil engineer from Carmel, said that while Title 21 has generated vocal criticism from some groups, it merely reflects provisions of area plans for the County that people apparently do not know about.

"We keep bumping up against the plan policies" in reviewing Title 21, he said. "(It) just is enforcing what the area plans say. What we may need to do is go back and change some of the things in the area plans."

BOB MOORE, a long-time and well-known fiddle player in Carmel Valley, obviously had a good time when he joined Homefire! during the Community Center's second free afternoon concert in the park. Moore is shown with guitarist Billy Ingram.An estimated 400 people attended the concert. *Photo by Cole Thompson*

Women's Concerns Aired

The Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women will hold a town meeting Aug. 1 in Seaside for women to air their most pressing concerns.

Part of a series of meetings throughout the county, it is will ask women what concerns them: housing, child care, salary and wages, health care, or whatever. It will be at 6:45 p.m. at the Oldemeyer Multi-Use Center, 986 Hilby. Call 755-4499.

Officials said the information will enable the commission to proceed with a set of priorities and a plan of action.

Valley's "Storyteller" Honored

Ralph Reed Payton, Carmel Valley's "Western Storyteller," is garnering more awards for his poetry and short stories.

He was awarded the Golden State Award and the Award of Honor by the California Historical Society for his book, Western Poems and Short Stories.

Payton also will receive the Silver Poet Award and the Golden Poet Award in Las Vegas Aug. 27 during the sixth annual convention of the World of Poetry.

Park District Reports on Funds

The Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District received almost $464,000 in income for the first five years of operation, treasurer Chuck McKay has reported. In the same period, the district disbursed approximately $421,000.

The district spent $182,095 on new property acquisition, $147,348 to help the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, $28,639 for property improvements, and $17,835 for installation of a well on park property. The Little League, Barracuda swim team and others also have received financial aid.

The principle source of funds are the benefit assessment paid by property owners and augmentation funds, county discretionary funds and grants from a variety of sources. A primary role of the district is to help the youth center.

The Buddy Program of Monterey Peninsula, which matches adult companions with children from single-parent families, holds orientation sessions the second Wednesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the Monterey Youth Center. For information about becoming a Big Buddy, telephone 649-0276

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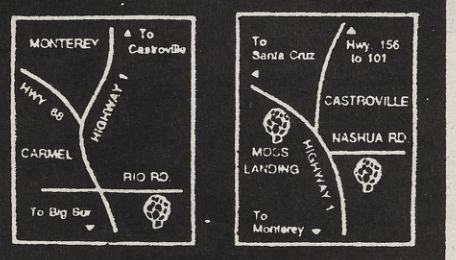

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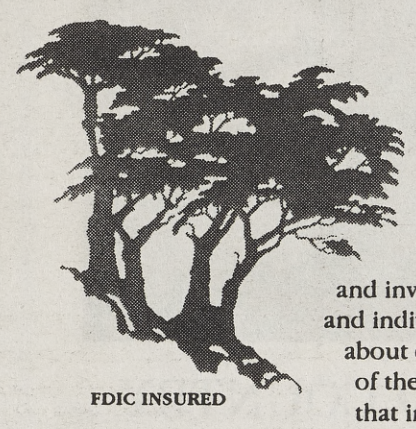
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ART HAPPENINGS

Stu Stueckert and Jean Miller will be featured at the Carmel Valley Manor Hallway Gallery during August. The joint show, "Portraits in Pastel" opens with a reception 4-6 p.m. Aug. 5. The artwork is on display July 31-Aug. 30.

Seaside City Hall will have a reception 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 10 for an exhibit by three local artists: Complementary oil paintings by Tony Perez; black and white photographs by David Williams, III; and "three-dimensional" imagery by Ray Magsalay. The show runs through Aug. 30.

Carmel's Forest Theater Guild is soliciting auction items for its Oct. 10 art auction and champagne reception at the Lodge at Pebble Beach. The deadline for donations is Aug. 1. Call Stephanie Snuggs at 624-7474 or Peter Newman at 625-7406.

Winston Churchill, the artist, will be the subject of a colored slide presentation by San Francisco jewelry designer Robert Lindemann Aug. 10 to benefit the Chartwell School. The $15 benefit will be held at 10:30 a.m., San Carlos Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel, Monterey. Chartwell School is the only fulltime educational program on the Central Coast for children aged 7-14 with dyslexia.

Carmel Valley Artist Mary Barnas Pomeroy has created the Asilomar Dunes Wildflower Poster for the Pacific Grove-Asilomar Operating Corp. with the California Dept. of Parks & Recreation. It depicts the 36 native species of the dunes.

Artist Howard Behrens' oil paintings will be featured at Hanson Galleries, Carmel Aug. 6-25. A reception is scheduled 5-7 p.m., Aug. 11.

Some 40 artists and craftsmen will display their works during the two-day Carmel Valley Fiesta Aug. 11-12 at the Village Community Park.

Pacific Grove artist Jean Frederickson will have a one-woman show opening with a reception 2:30-4:30 Aug. 4 in the Lobby Gallery of the Carl Cherry Foundation, titled "Musical Musings," a series of collage paintings. A selection of drawings by the late Jeanne d'Orge (Mrs. Carl Cherry), founder of the Cherry Foundation, and a group of bronze sculptures by Nicole Montalba are in the Main Gallery, Guadalupe and Fourth, Carmel.

Local artist Gerrica Connolly will open an oil and watercolor exhibit of florals with a 7-9 p.m. reception July 20 at Images Gallery, 156 Fountain Ave., Pacific Grove.

The 6th annual La Selva Beach Art, antique and Craft Faire will be held 10-5 July 21 at the La Selva Beach Community Clubhouse.

Bush Galleries will open in The Barnyard with a reception 4-7 July 20. It features original art from childrens' books.

Oil painter Michie Long will open at Gallery One in Big Sur with a reception 2-5 Aug. 12. The show of new figurative works will run through Sept. 1. Gallery One, Highway One, Big Sur is open 9-9 daily.

The Ariss Fine Art Auction Benefit will be held 7-10 p.m. July 29 at the Monterey Aquarium. The benefit for Bruce Ariss is sponsored by the Carmel Art Association, Pacific Grove Art Center and Artists' Equity.

Editor's Note:
Sun Art Reviewer Anita DeCarlo will be back Aug. 8 with her regular column. She was, of course, the author of the July 11 review on Carmel Valley artist Ron Bean. Her byline was inadvertently dropped from the column.

Reward Upped to $2,000 In Poisoned Cypress Case

Friends of the Forest offered a $2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the culprit who deliberately tried to kill three cypress trees along Scenic Drive in Carmel. Residents suggested that one of their neighbors in the area of million-dollar homes did it to get a better view.

"It's not just random vandalism," declared one resident, Howard Skidmore. "It was professionally planned and executed. The only conclusion you can come to is that someone wanted to improve their view."

Skidmore added that in the neighborhood, a better view of the Pacific or Carmel Beach could add as much as $200,000 to the price of a house.

Assistant City Forester Mike Branson told the *Sun* that he agreed with residents' speculation that whoever tried to kill the trees had escalated their attack on them over a period of some time.

Residents reconstructed the attack like this: First the perpetrators drove copper nails in the trees. Then, they drilled some 20, one-inch holes in the three wind-shaped trees, filled them with herbicide and capped the holes with corks painted black so they would be hard to see. Finally, apparently frustrated that their previous actions appeared to be having no effect, they girdled the trees with a saw, cutting through the cambium layer which transports water and nutrients to the limbs and branches.

Branson said one tree already is dead and the prognosis for the two others was poor. "There is an outside chance they might live, but it's doubtful," he said.

The Friends of the Forest originally offered a $1,500 reward in the case, but Skidmore said a resident who had lived in the area since 1917 stepped forward and offered to add $500 to it. The man was not identified.

Friends of the Forest is a group of Carmel residents dedicated to the preservation and protection of trees in the city. Trees are protected by ordinance in the one-square mile city.

If the perpetrators are found, they will be prosecuted under the city's general vandalism statute which carries a maximum penalty of $10,000, up to a year in prison or both. Mayor Jean Grace has said that if the persons responsible are caught, the city would seek the maximum penalty.

The trees are located near the corner of 13th and Scenic. City forestry crews, cleaning up trash along the pathway there, discovered the damage. The trees grow from partway down the cliff to the ocean, obscuring stretches of approximately 60 and 15 feet. They reach from about 8 to 15 feet above the pathway.

Police took a sample of the herbicide to be analyzed, and Branson said Detective Warren "Pete" Poitras had been assigned to the case.

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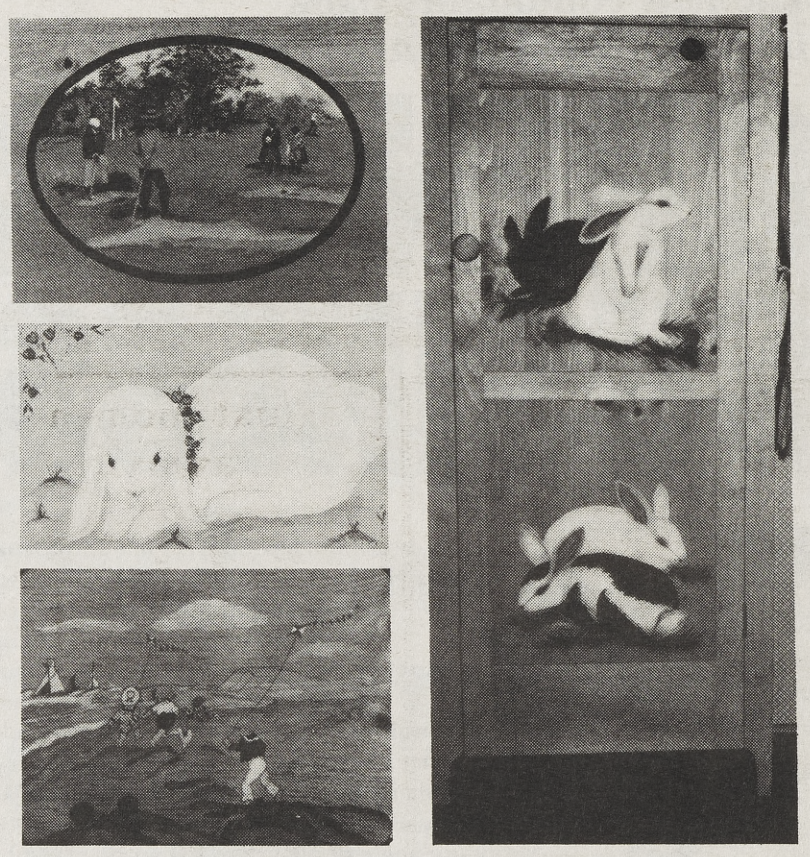

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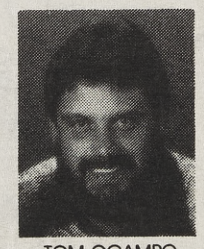

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Holt Ranch Denial to be Appealed As Low-Income Housing Debated

Amidst a debate over low and moderate income housing for Carmel Valley, the developer of the proposed Holt Ranch subdivision is scheduled to appeal the denial of his application by the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 18.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously on July 11 to reject Richard Pryor's plan to subdivide the 473-acre property into 210 lots. Of the lots, 70 would be estate sized—from one to 30 acres—with the remainder being used for 140 condominiums, 35 for low-income buyers and 105 for people with moderate incomes.

Pryor said the proposal for the property just south of Carmel Valley Road and west of Robinson Canyon Road failed to gain support from the community because Valley residents don't want lower income residents.

"It's turned into a real elite community in Carmel Valley. People who live here are trying to keep affordable housing out of their neighborhoods," Pryor told the commission.

Roger Williams, a spokesman for the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) which opposed the project, said he did not agree.

"I've never detected any feeling among the people I know in Carmel Valley that they object to reasonable cost housing," Williams said.

Robert Greenwood, a member of the citizens' subdivision evaluation committee which recommended against the project, also said he saw no prejudice against low and moderate housing in the Valley.

He said the committee opposed Holt Ranch because of the lack of water and visual and other impacts from 140 clustered housing units on the hillside south of the river at Mid Valley.

Greenwood also said Pryor's proposed low and moderate income units were too expensive. He said to be truly low and moderate income housing they should sell for around $40,000.

Pryor told the *Sun* he planned to sell the condominiums earmarked as low income housing for $80,000 and those for moderate incomes from $115,000 to $120,00 for three bedroom, two bath units.

Pryor said he was disappointed at the denial by the Planning Commission. But he said he felt confident the Board of Supervisors would approve his proposal because of the priority it has placed on the need for low and moderate income housing and his proposed mitigation of the subdivision's impact on the area.

Pryor added that only the supervisors can approve his request for a density credit for low income homes and for an allocation of water from a reserve pool.

In a letter to the supervisors, Pryor raised three issues he wanted reviewed: the score given the project by the subdivision committee, a density bonus for including low-cost housing and his request for a special circumstances allocation of water from a reserve established and controlled by the supervisors. "Our request is for an allocation of 25.48 acre feet/year for the affordable housing element of Holt Ranch," he wrote.

Pryor first proposed to subdivide the Holt Ranch property in 1980 and was delayed by a challenge to the Carmel Valley Master Plan, which was not approved until 1987.

In September of that year, Pryor filed a revised development plan and the County required a revised environmental impact report.

At the Planning Commission hearing, Bryce Hori of the County Public Works Department said that increased traffic generated by the development would likely exceed the limits established in the Carmel Valley Master Plan for Carmel Valley Road. If that safeguard mechanism were triggered, it could result in a building moratorium throughout the Valley.

Commission Chairman Jo Stallard said "as much as we need low and moderate income housing, I don't think this is the way to go about it."

Paramedics Closer

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the JPA's insurance, which will run about $15,000 annually.

Carmichael said the South County regional council did not want the JPA's loan to come from Measure A funds; Salinas wanted a clear delineation between Measure A subsidies and any loan funds; and Monterey didn't want any of the loan being paid with funds from the Measure A subsidy.

He said the County has approved so-called dry-period loans in the past, but always to agencies which have a tax base, which the JPA does not. It will earn income by charging for emergency ambulance service—whether the victim or someone else pays for it.

"I suspect an education process will be necessary" to convince the Board of Supervisors to approve the loan, Carmichael said, adding that in the end he thinks it will go through. When it does, he said he hoped that the JPA would be allowed up to three years to pay it back.

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Three charity golf tournaments are coming up in the Carmel Valley area. They include:

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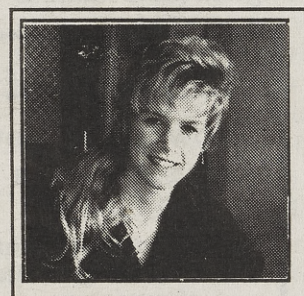

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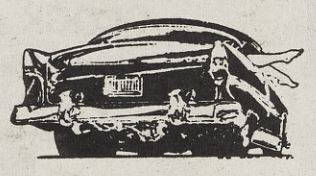

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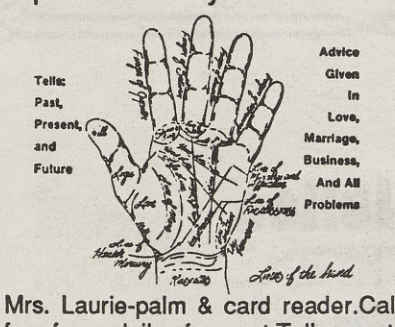

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Planning in Disarray

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Last year, the department issued 3,236 ministerial permits and 944 discretionary permits—those which are not granted automatically but may be issued after a public hearing.

They ranged from permits to cut down dead trees in the coastal zone, to relatively routine building and grading permits and approval—or denial—of construction plans for single family houses to multimillion dollar hotels.

Underlying nearly every project considered by the Planning Department is the growth/no-growth split in the County and an escalating debate about how much regulation is too much.

Slimmon was asked about the influence of lawyers such as Lombardo and Brian Finegan, who are frequently hired to help win approval for projects in the county.

"You're talking politics there, and I can't answer that," Slimmon said. He added, however, that he had a standard reply when permit applicants ask him whether they should hire a lawyer.

"If you're involved in a complex project, and you're not experienced in dealing with public agencies, then, yes, you should get yourself a capable attorney," Slimmon said.

"If you are nervous appearing before a public body, and somebody asks you a question, and your answer might be detrimental (to your case) then you should hire someone to represent you," he said.

The disarray in the Planning Department has reached such proportions that the staff, the Planning Commission and members of some other County departments held a retreat at Asilomar recently to discuss what they could do to improve things.

Early in the four-hour session, Lynne Mounday, senior planner in charge of the department's Monterey Peninsula planning team, suggested that a lack of public trust was contributing to the department's troubles.

None of the other participants picked up on his comment as they became embroiled in discussions of specific details of the department's operations. But as the *Sun* continued its investigation of the Planning Department, many people familiar with the process volunteered the same thought again and again. It isn't always articulated as trust; often it was couched in terms of fairness or even-handed treatment.

NEW CONSTRUCTION such as this at Carmel Valley Ranch is not covered by regulations prohibiting construction on ridgelines or slopes steeper than 30 degrees because these lots were created by the county before these new rules were adopted. Failure of some people to understand this contributes to a perception that the County planning process is not fair, officials say. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Clearly, whether it's justified or not, the notion exists that not all people having to go through the planning process are treated equally.

"We all know money talks," said one woman strongly identified with the environmental community. "But it's ridiculous that some of these things are approved while the little guys spend a ton of time and money trying to get the smallest projects through."

Nowhere is this sentiment more evident than in the department's efforts to win authority to grant administratively many permits which now require a public hearing. Citing a growing staff shortage, the department tried earlier in the year to give its staff emergency authority to grant more administrative permits. But the outcry, particularly from the coast and Carmel Valley areas, was so great that the idea was abandoned.

Similar provisions are contained in Title 21, a proposed county zoning ordinance which is now hung up because of opposition to many of its requirements. But the idea of granting wide-ranging authority to issue many kinds of permits without a hearing is running into trouble among at least some of the citizens' advisory committee charged with reviewing proposed Title 21. (See story on page 7.)

At Asilomar, staff members emphasized how important it was to speeding things up for them to have authority to issue many more kinds of permits without going through a time-con-

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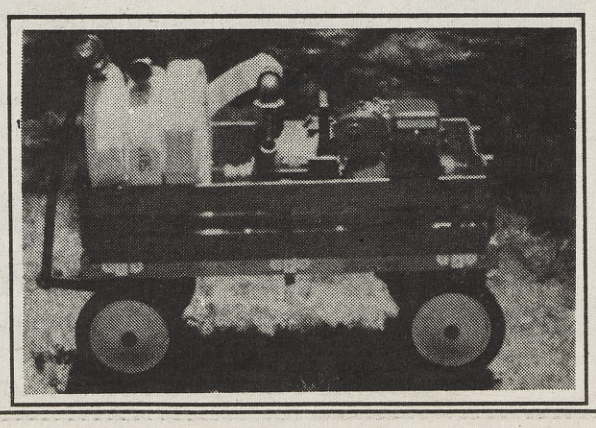

Four Grand Juries: Planning Disarray is Due to Structure

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suming hearing.

"Well, that's not going to happen—at least, not without a fight—until people feel that the Planning Department will use that authority responsibly," said one long-time resident of Carmel Valley. "Right now, people don't trust the system."

Agreed a resident in the coastal zone: "People will respect rules and regulations, even if they disagree with them, as long as they think they're being applied fairly. People don't respect the rules today. That's why you see so many people going ahead and doing what they want to do without bothering to try to get a permit."

Mike Stamp, an attorney who has participated in several lawsuits against the county for failing to follow its own or state procedures, said the root cause of the Planning Department's problems is the way the County is organized. "The present structure just doesn't work. It's structurally incompetent," he said.

The county should be organized like most cities, Stamp explained, with a paid manager conducting day-to-day business, serving as a chief operating or administrative officer and implementing the policy guidelines set down by the supervisors who would act as a board of directors.

Under the present set-up, the board, collectively and individually, deals directly with planning and other County departments.

Stamp suggested one reason for the distrust: "There's no political accountability. The public never knows how decisions are made or who makes them."

Under the present structure, he explained that supervisors often begin negotiating with prospective applicants long before they apply for permits. "They (supervisors) start telling them what needs to be done to make it (their project) fly," Stamp added.

Louis Calcagno, a member of the Planning Commission and a Moss Landing dairyman, agreed with Stamp's indictment of the county's structure. At the retreat, he drew a parallel between the way the county and private business operate and declared: "No corporation in the country would have five people running the show."

Such criticism is not new, as the 1989 County Grand Jury noted.

"We agree with Grand Jury recommendations in the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 which sought to curtail the Board of Supervisors' interference in County operations/administration, and we strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to give more responsibility and clear lines of authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, who is in the best position to enforce a businesslike, non-political chain of command and responsibility," the Grand Jury report said.

Stamp was not optimistic the Board of Supervisors will undertake such reform on their own. "It will cost them personal power," he said.

Asked about political pressure on him and the department from the supervisors, Slimmon said individual supervisors often inquire about the status of a project or ask why it was taking so long.

"(But) as far as being influenced by board members insofar as our recommendations are concerned, we don't experience that," he said.

He added that neither he nor his staff wanted to assume policy-making authority. "On major land-use decisions, I believe the Planning Commission and the board should be the decision-making bodies. There's no attempt on our part to try to take that away."

As for the perception that the planning process is unfair, Slimmon suggested that some people may think that because they do not understand how things work. For instance, he said prohibitions against ridgeline development and building on slopes steeper than 30 degrees are new within the past two or three years. Construction that violates those provisions is continuing on lots-of-record created by the county years earlier and is perfectly legal, Slimmon said.

TYPICAL of the proposed large developments that must be considered by planning is 20,000- acre Rancho San Carlos. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

"The county doesn't want to go around buying (such) property and won't," Slimmon said. "so they're (sic) legally obligated to allow development on the lot and do."

In addition to criticism from at least four consecutive Grand Juries, supervisors appointed retired Army Gen. Tom Kenan to examine the department in 1987 and come up with recommendations for improving its operation. That led to the hiring last October of Bill Phillips, an experienced planner from San Jose, to be Slimmon's No. 2 man with specific authority for managing the department.

Some planning employes, past and present, have pointed to Slimmon's management as one of the reasons for high turnover and low morale. They have said privately that he is autocratic, tends to tell the staff what recommendations and findings he wants to see on individual projects and is so busy working in the department, he doesn't have time to run it.

The staff has been so short-handed and bogged down since Phillips' arrival that it is impossible to assess his impact on the operation so far.

In a wide-ranging interview with the *Sun*, Slimmon appeared to be candid and open. He did not come off as particularly defensive and at times used low-key humor to try to deflect questions.

For instance, he was asked if his department really had lost the plans for some projects. "Let's just say we may have misplaced a few," Slimmon said.

Slimmon joined the Planning Department in 1955 after working briefly as a draftsman upon leaving military service. The department had 13 employes at the time; today, expanded to include building inspection, it is authorized to have 84. Before becoming director of the department, Slimmon served 26 years as zoning administrator.

A native of Salinas who lives within a mile of the courthouse and walks to work, Slimmon's recreation is hiking, skiing and bowling in a local league, where he posted a 173 average last season. "That's pretty good," said Slimmon, who never got a college degree. At 58, he is fit and trim; he looks like a hiker.

Asked about criticism from one member of the Planning Commission that he has not been aggressive in seeking the resources needed by his department, Slimmon said he requested and got nine new positions two years ago, but none last year. "We were not experiencing a staff shortage at the time, and I wanted to see how we could get along with nine. Hindsight being what it is, yes, I could have been in there hollering earlier."

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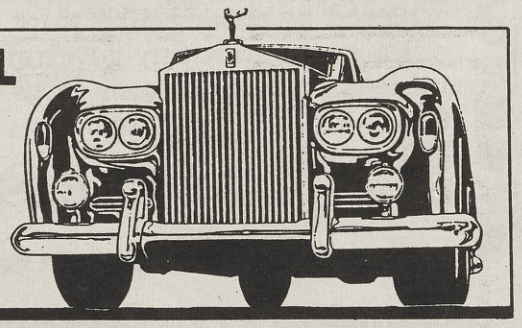

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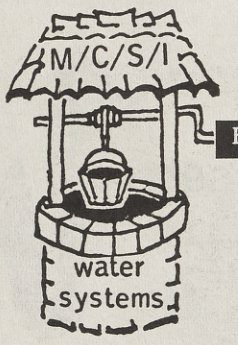

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Planning Director Proposes Stress Management For Staff, Seeks Citizen Support for More People

The director of the County Planning Department proposed voluntary stress management classes for employes frustrated by heavy workloads, high turnover and angry citizens. But the idea got short shrift from at least some of them.

In a memo to his staff dated July 16, Robert Slimmon, Jr., asked for comments on the proposal, saying "anyone interested in participating could attend on County time under provisions of the employee wellness program."

A draft reply to the memo, provided anonymously to the *Sun* by an employee of the department, said: "The approach fails to deal with an honest assessment of the problems...The focus is shifted from underlying management failures and is diverted to the employees' alleged inability to function adequately."

It was not clear whether the reply had been sent to Slimmon, but the planning employee who spoke with the *Sun* indicated it would be the official response from Service Emoloyee's Local 817, which represents planning workers.

In another development, the *Sun* learned the Slimmon has written some residents of the county, urging them to support his appeal for 15 additional employees for the department when the Board of Supervisors takes up its new budget.

"I would appreciate your support...by your attendance, or if that is not possible, a letter to the board members," Slimmon wrote.

He said the department is planning the creation of a "public service team" to work regularly at the planning counter in the Salinas courthouse. Planners now work there on a rotating basis, and the assignment is a major source of complaint by the staff.

The creation of a full-time counter team "will provide a needed continuity to better serve the public," Slimmon said.

He also said that with additional employees, he planned to staff the Monterey courthouse office with planners 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Planners now serve the public there only one day a week.

In his letter, Slimmon noted that the County administrative officer had deleted his request for additional staff members from the fiscal 1990-'91 budget, forcing him to appeal to the supervisors.

Budget details provided with his letter seeking support showed Slimmon proposed a budget totaling $4,699,850. That total was $509,084 more than recommended by Administrative Officer Ernest K. Morishita.

Of Slimmon's proposed budget, $2,639,427 would be raised by fees, licenses, permits and other income, leaving the County to pay $2,060,423 from the general fund.

The supervisors originally were scheduled to consider new budgets, including one for planning, on July 24. But as the *Sun* went to press, it appeared the hearings would be delayed because of the legislature's failure to agree on a state budget.

Planning Disarray

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A number of people who spoke to the *Sun* about the Planning Department suggested that it was having trouble filling vacancies because of a lack of cooperation and coordination between it and the County Personnel Department. They said this was another consequence of not having a single person or office in charge to coordinate day-to-day administration.

Slimmon did not answer directly when asked about that. But he did say that the conditions set out in an affirmative action consent decree signed by the County several years ago is a major stumbling block.

Under the order, County departments can consider only one white applicant for each minority applicant under consideration for employment, Slimmon said. He added that at one time, his department had six vacancies, but because only two minority applicants were among the 56 people who applied, the department could only consider hiring four people. "We hired all four of them," Slimmon said.

This is the second in a series of articles on the County Planning Department. In the final story in the series in its Aug. 8 issue, the Sun *will investigate what an individual citizen going through planning can expect, including how much it may cost. The story will also probe the role of the Board of Supervisors as the appeal board from Planning Commission decisions.*

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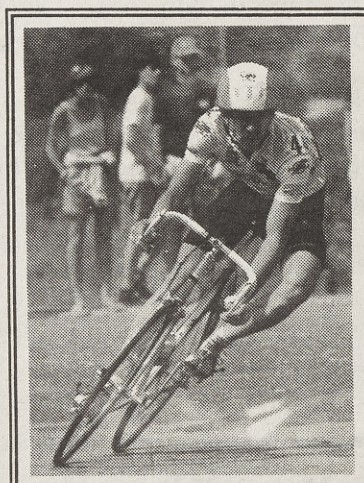

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Astronomical Events July 25-Aug. 22

Sun 29—Moon at first quarter. South Delta Aquarid meteors. This is a diffuse group of meteors rambling the sky from July 15 to Aug. 29. The peak of the shower is July 29. Expect an hourly rate of 10 to 35 meteors. The radiant (see below for definition) is west of the star Delta Aquarii (see arrow on map) and moves daily 0.8 degrees east and 0.18 degrees north, roughly parallel to the ecliptic and near to it. The radiant is in the sky most of the night, but it is highest about 2 a.m.

Wed 1—At 2 a.m., the Moon passes 0.1 degrees north of the bright star Antares.

Mon 6—Full Moon, partial lunar eclipse. Observers in Carmel and on the West Coast of the U. S. can see the early stages of the eclipse shortly before moonset. The penumbral eclipse begins at 4:29 a.m. and the umbral eclipse at 5:44.

Fri 10—The Sun enters the constellation Leo.

Sun 12—Peak of the Perseid meteor shower, which lasts from July 23 to Aug. 20. The radiant is at the north edge of Perseus or even in Cassiopeia (see the sky map that appeared in last March Skywatch). It moves about 1.4 degrees a day, past the h and Chi Perseus double cluster and then to Camelopardalis. The radiant is in the sky almost all night. It is highest at 5:40 a.m. They are bright and the hourly rates are about 50. The best time to watch them might be around 4 a.m. The earliest records of this shower are from the Chinese in the year 36 A. D.

Mon 13—Moon at last quarter.

Mon 20—New Moon.

Planets Visible Between July 25-Aug. 22

MERCURY and Regulus (bright star in the constellation Leo, see Sky Map of May 30) can be seen about 30 or 40 minutes after sunset at the end of July and the beginning of August, close to the horizon in the west, west-northwest sky. They are the closest to each other on July 28, when they seem to form a "double star." Use binoculars to see them. Mercury is the brightest.

VENUS rises shortly before morning twilight in the east-northeast sky.

MARS rises between 11 p.m. and midnight, being one of the brightest objects in the sky. It crosses from Aries to Taurus in August and is highest in the sky before dawn.

JUPITER rises shortly before dawn starting in August. You can watch it approach Venus from the northeast (lower left) as viewed before sunrise each morning. They will appear closest in the mornings of Aug. 12 and 13. For the rest of the month, Jupiter moves to the southwest (upper right) of Venus. Venus is seven times brighter than Jupiter.

SATURN shines in eastern Saggitarius since darkness falls. It is the bright "star" standing by itself. Use a telescope to look at its rings and its largest moon, Titan, which always remains within four ring lengths of the planet.

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Comments About Meteor Showers

Meteor showers happen when the Earth passes through a cloud of particles moving together in space. These particles are generally debris from a comet and follow it in the same orbit. If we know which comet it is, or the particles' orbit, we can predict when and where the shower will occur. The Perseids meteors are debris from the Comet Swift-Turtle, which was expected to be seen between 1980 and 1984 but didn't come back.

The meteor shower takes place when some of these particles enter the earth's atmosphere. Meteors can be of different colors, depending on the mixture of atoms and molecules from both the glowing gas of the meteor and the Earth's atmosphere. The Delta Aquarid and the Perseid meteors are often yellow, but the brightest of the Perseid meteors are also green, orange and red.

The radiant is the position in the sky from which the meteors appear to diverge as they come toward us. Recurrent showers are named for the constellation or star from which they seem to come.

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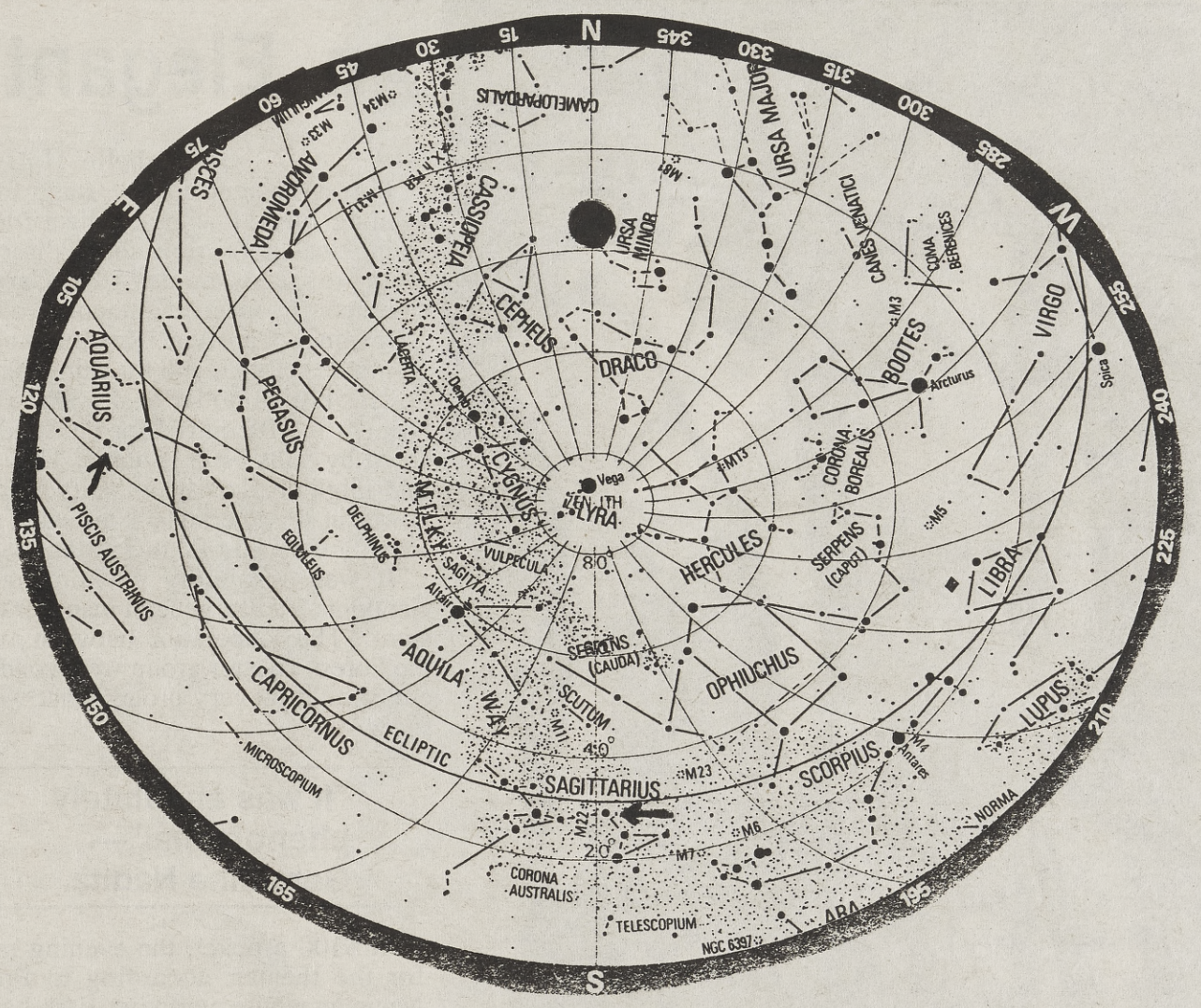

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HOW TO USE THIS MAP

This is a map of the sky for August between 9 and 10 p.m., for the latitude 35 degrees. Hold the map over your head with N (north) pointing to your north. This way, you will be pointing to the north star (Polaris), the big dot in the top center of the map. Now the map looks like the sky and you can find your way around! East and west are inverted on the map, but when the map is over your head, they are in the right direction.

It's better to shine a red flashlight on the map so that you don't ruin your night vision; just cover your flashlight with red cellophane or tissue paper. With a little practice, you'll be able to read the map and find the objects in the sky without having the map overhead. The biggest dots on the map are the brightest stars, except for the north star, which is about as bright as the stars in the body of the Big Dipper (Ursa Major). The shaded areas show the Milky Way. Objects other than stars are better seen with binoculars. Try seeing as many as you can. These are represented by a small dotted circle and designated with an M followed by a number. A lot of them are found in Sagittarius because that is the direction of the center of our Galaxy.

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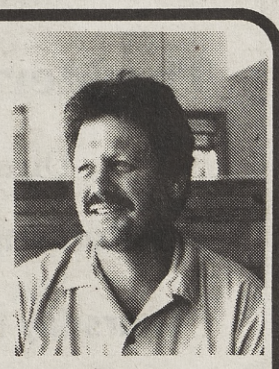

Jeff Watts

TWO CHARCOAL JERSEY dresses trimmed with chocolate leather were among the 105 costumes shown at the Forest Theater benefit.

An Elegant Evening Raises For

By Isabelle Hall

Forest Theater set the stage for an elegant evening July 11 with an Elizabethan Feast and sophisticated fashion show direct from New York to raise money for Carmel's oldest continuously operated outdoor theater.

Designer Carolyne Roehm, known for her glamorous clothes and for being the wife of Wall Street's billion-dollar deal-maker Henry Kravis, brought in 105 outfits for the fund-raiser sponsored by Saks Fifth Avenue. They ranged from mid-thigh charcoal wool suits to iridescent ball gowns in shimmering silk taffeta in a price range, roughly from $1,000 to $5,000.

"It was absolutely phenomenal," enthused Geraldine Naditz, general manager of the Carmel store. "The cooperation between my people and the Forest Theater group was wonderful. Everyone should be very proud. That was a big time show."

"It was absolutely phenomenal"— Geraldine Naditz.

At $100 a ticket, the evening raised $20,000 for the theater, according to President Peter Newman whose attractive, dark-haired daughter, Jennifer, was one of the models in the show. The total more than doubled last year's Oscar de la Renta show proceeds.

The celebrity-dotted crowd included actress Joan Fontaine, former chairman and CEO Orville Wright of the MCI Corp., and popular "Dennis The Menace" cartoonist Hank Ketcham. Fontaine and Ketcham were co-chairpersons of the event. Another co-chair, Doris Day, was unable to attend because "she hurt her back," according to Newman.

The evening began with cocktails in an Elizabethan setting created by Pauline Harrell and Jeanette Lewis of Saks Visual Department. The food was by "A Moveable Feast," the catering company operated by Michael Jones of Silver Jones Restaurant.

Offered at a variety of flower bedecked stands were Carmel Valley smoked salmon with Jones, himself, doing the delicate carving; a variety of dips such as guacamole and salsa; cheese trays; rare beef tenderloin, roasted lamb and spicy sausage served with either tomato or basil aoili on French bread; and delicate fruit tarts and tiny tortes for dessert.

The clothes clearly were the stars of the evening.

The clothes clearly were the stars of the evening. Rich fabrics for daytime included a charcoal jersey dress with chocolate leather trim a cognac wool flannel and satin poncho over wool flannel and satin skirt suit and a chocolate leather hooded duffle coat trimmed in quilted gray flannel with a stone silk blouse.

The winter line had a Cossack flair with the models in flowing capes and towering lamb hats reflecting the current worldwide attention on events in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Evening clothes were beautifully draped in buttery colors but it was the iridescent silk taffetas that stole the show. They shimmered under the lights with every movement of the models in colors of mauve and gold, turquoise, copper and gray.

As the models paraded the stage onto an extended runway that ran into the crowd, even their shoes drew attention, particularly a line of satin sling-backs in soft colors to match the gowns. Naditz said Roehm usually buys a shoe collection to go with her things. These were from Manolo Blahnik, a British firm with a 5th Avenue shop.

Roehm, a slender brunette who often models her own line in promotional photography, said her favorite outfit in the fall collection was probably the gold lace jumpsuit with brocade overskirt.

Skirts were much shorter than are seen on the streets of Carmel or at Pebble Beach but not quite as short as are being worn in such fashion capitals as New York, Paris and Milan.

Naditz said all can be purchased through her store.

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A GROUP OF FASHION SHOW attendees enjoys the feast at a fr table. From left to right, Penny Bengert, Sandra Reese, Gloria Didion Schmied. The $100 per person benefit raised some $20,000.

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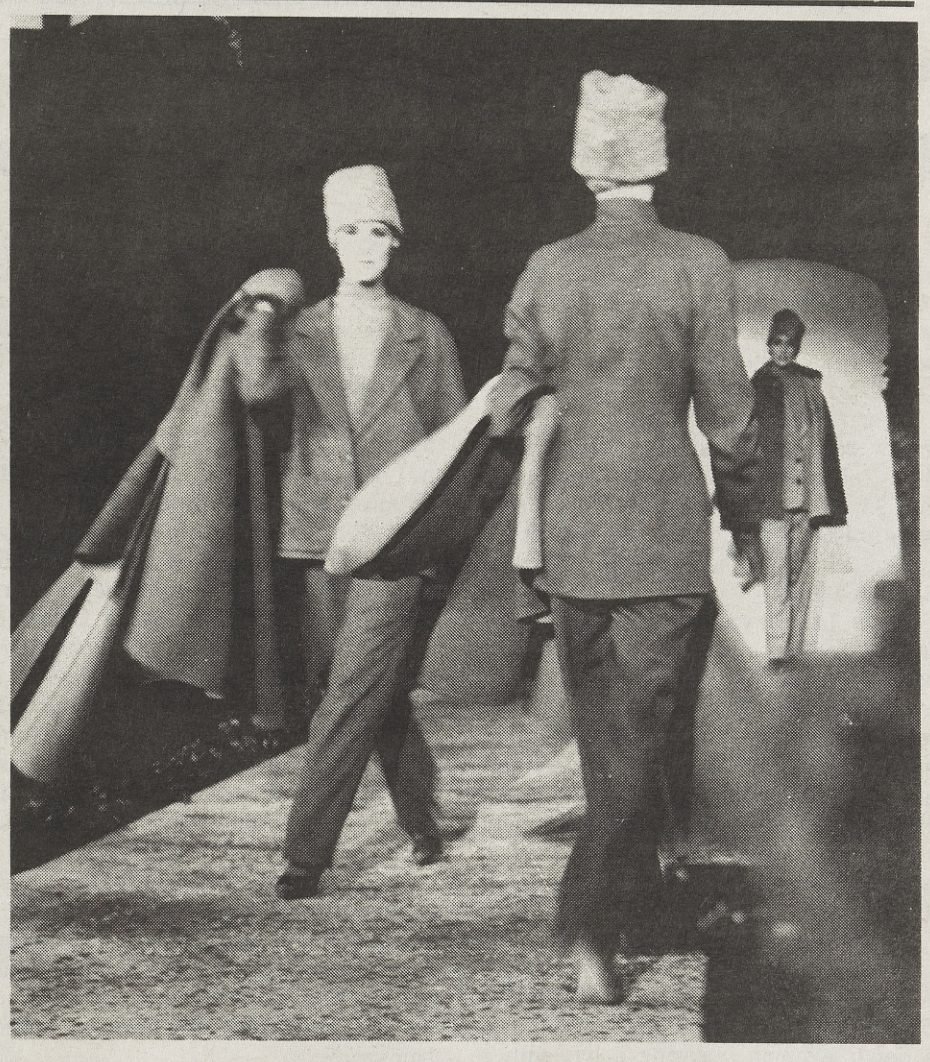
FOREST THEATER VOLUNTEERS Luciana Young, left, and Jean Snow, right talk with Margaret Yang, who came down from Morgan Hill for the fashion show. Snow was a hit at the feast with her flowery hat which had a bird perched on top.



THE LOOK WAS RUSSIAN as models sported gray lamb hats and short, swingy capes or ponchos with their soft-shouldered pantsuits, (right). Carolyne Roehme (far left,) said the big padded shoulder look has given way to a softer line. Actress Joan Fontaine of Carmel Highlands, (left below), was one of the chairs of the Forest Theater benefit July 11. A deep, plunging neckline is the highlight of a mid-thigh evening gown of sheer chiffon and taffeta (immediate left). *Sun photos by Isabelle Hall*

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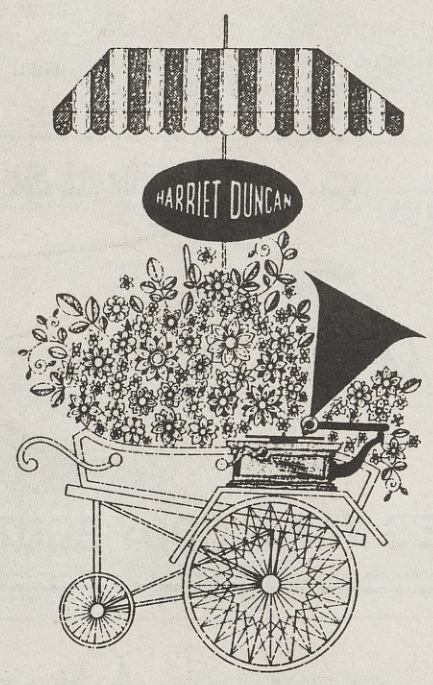

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Volunteer Highlands Fireman Runs 100-Mile Endurance Race

By Carolyn Rice

Why would anyone run 100 miles virtually nonstop? "The challenge of doing it," answered 36-year-old Robert Dayton, who lives in the Carmel Highlands, serves as a volunteer fireman and is in the landscaping business.

He ran from Squaw Valley to Auburn in the Western States Endurance Run on June 30, finishing in 28 hours, 40 minutes, and 35 seconds. As one of 208 runners who finished the gruelling course, he received a brass belt buckle with "30 hours" imprinted on it.

Last January, Dayton who is 5-foot-11 and has curly brown hair, put his name in a lottery with 1,000 other people to vie for one of the 400 places in the race. Organizers limit participation to qualified runners, just as they carefully examine every runner at certain checkpoints to ascertain their medical condition. "If you lose more than 3 percent of your body weight, they will not let you continue," Dayton said.

He weighed in at 169 pounds and finished at 168. "I ran a smart race," he said. At 5:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning, Dayton left the starting line. He resembled a Saudi Arabian, wearing a hat with a towel hanging around the back of his neck to protect him from the heat and sun coming later in the day. During the run he encountered temperatures ranging from the 60's to above 100 degrees.

One of the most difficult parts of the race was the beginning because of the high elevation. "I had an intense headache, but once I got down to the 6,000 feet level I felt better," he said.

The course traverses fire trails and hiking paths. First used by the Paiute and Washoe Indians, the trail was later used by the '49'ers during the gold rush. Three *miles are on pavement, but most of it remains in its natural wild state.* The Tevis Cup, an arduous equestrian event, also uses this trail.

"I was mostly watching the trail—really concentrating on where I was putting my feet," Dayton said, recalling the narrow paths studded with rocks and tree roots and steep cliffs to the side. "But the vista points were breathtaking—really beautiful."

Also challenging were the extreme changes in altitude, as the course plunged into canyons from peaks and ridges and then climbed back again. At Devil's Thumb the elevation is 4,365 feet. That comes 47.8 miles into the race. Then at 52.9 miles, runners drop down to 1,700 feet elevation only to have to climb to 3,530 feet at Michigan Bluff which is 55.7 miles into the race.

Dayton said 152 people dropped out, and the largest number left after Devil's Thumb or Michigan Bluff.

Dayton came equipped with crew. Colin MacDonald, was captain. Cindy Cass, a Pacific Grove schoolteacher and runner, helped. So did Steve Loftus of Carmel Valley and Vince Bourett from France. Dayton is a volunteer fireman at Carmel Highlands Fire Department where MacDonald works as a captain. Some runners use their families as their crew, but Dayton is single—still looking for his lady "running mate"—so he relied on friends.

Bourett served as a pacer for the last 38 miles of the race. Most runners had pacers who could more accurately be called "trail companions," Dayton said. They stick with the runners during the night hours of the race when they are tiring to ensure their safety.

Dayton donned a headlamp for his night running. During darkness "you have to go a lot slower and be careful because of the roots and rocks," he said.

Throughout the race he carried a bottle of water in each hand and two others in his fanny pack. He also carried food to eat on the trail, and when his crew met him at certain checkpoints they replenished his supplies. "Basically, we'd treat him like a king for five minutes," MacDonald said. "Then we'd kick him out."

His crew could meet him at only a few of the aid stations. They'd have a pad for him to stretch out on, take off his shoes, massage him and give him food. They lubricated his feet each time to prevent blisters. Dairy farmers will recognize one product they used for this: bag balm. Dayton said many runners think this is a fine lubrication product. Dairymen use it for chapped udders on cows.

Dayton also lubricated his thighs and arms to prevent friction chafing. He ran the race in size 13 shoes instead of his usual 11 1/2 size to allow for swelling.

ROBERT DAYTON makes a nighttime rest stop during his recent endurance race.

The 25 aid stations were miniature tent cities with 1,400 volunteers including podiatrists, massage therapists, doctors, and nurses manning them. The nighttime aid stations had generators and put out welcoming beacons of light for the runners.

"When you run long distances, you go in and out of emotional swings," Dayton said. But he said during this race he stayed on an even keel and didn't experience highs and lows. "I maintained my clarity. I felt positive about what I was doing."

For months, this former chef who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N. Y., trained 15 hours each week, running and lifting weights. "The weight lifting was an important factor in my success."

To qualify for the 100 miler, he had to run a 50 mile race under nine hours time which he did in Sacramento. Some of the 400 lottery winners failed to meet this qualification and others injured themselves before the race, so only 360 runners started the race instead of 400, Dayton said.

The winner finished in 16 hours, 38 minutes and 32 seconds. Anne Trason, formerly of Pacific Grove, was the female winner, completing the race in 18 hours, 33 minutes and 2 seconds, setting a new record for herself and the course.

How did Dayton feel the next day? "Oh, I was fine. I was working out. I had a little stiffness in my right ankle."

Did he ever think about quitting? "Not for a minute," he said, blue eyes flashing.

And what's next? "I hear they have a good 100-mile race in Colorado. There's another one in Vermont. I might do one of those next summer."

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Carmel City Council Sets 1,400 Square Foot House Limits

By Isabelle Hall

The new buzz word in Carmel-by-the-Sea is "nestle." If your house "nestles" into the forest, it's okay. If it rises like a stark blot on the landscape, you're spoiling the charm that makes people want to live there.

In an attempt to keep the character of the one-mile city on the Pacific Ocean as is, the City Council has voted to limit the size of new houses to 1,400 square feet plus a 200-square foot garage on the 4,000 square foot lots which proliferate in the town, thereby limiting the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to 40 percent of the lot. Opponents of the ordinance argued that design review was the answer to "ugly houses."

If that sounds confusing, it is. So confusing that during a four-hour city council session July 10, 43 people stood in line to testify and many seemed confused about what the 1,400 square feet included.

Then, when it came time for the council to actually fashion the ordinance, there was more argument over precisely what they were talking about.

A disappointed residents group which fought the restriction believes it will result in a cookie cutter look—not preservation of the original little cottages that were built for early artist settlers—because houses virtually will have to all be designed the same to fit into the space requirements.

The name of Frank Lloyd Wright, arguably the master at nestling a house into its natural environment, was invoked. Carmel has a Wright house on the ocean.

It was the looming quality—as opposed to nestling—of new houses being built that triggered the size restriction in the first place because so many new houses are being built at the minimum five feet allowed from the front lot line.

Demographics are also a factor. Many residents who opposed the new restriction said it will simply compound the makeup of Carmel, described as an aged population with a high percentage of vacation homes which stand empty much of the time.

Councilman James Wright said the 1980 census showed 17 percent of Carmel has either transient rentals or vacation homes while the school district projects "roughly 200 schoolage children with no increase foreseen."

"There is not much we can do," said Sheryl McKenzie of the Monterey-Carmel Council of Real Estate Boards. "We gave it our best shot."

Local realtors joined residents concerned about being able to expand their living space and developers anxious to build new homes to fight the limit, proposed by Councilwoman Barbara Brooks.

"The most overriding consideration is preservation of the character of the village," Brooks said. "We have to think what Carmel will look like in 50 years. It is our duty..."

"God protect us from those who want to save us," warned Chris Tescher." A builder in Carmel for the past 20 years, he said no member of the city's design review staff "ever came over and looked" at one of his building sites.

Mayor Jean Grace and Councilman Bob Fischer opposed the 1,400 foot restriction but went along with the 3-2 majority in fashioning the complete ordinance which is part of a new zoning law.

"It is a property right," Fischer said. "A homeowner should have the right to develop property as nicely as he wants. It is totally unfair to say he can't have an extra 200 square feet for a third bedroom."

Residents with families pleading for more space prompted Mayor Grace to say she did not want anyone to think Carmel didn't want families.

But John Kenny warned, "Carmel will become a city of second homes if we reduce the size." Andre Vadas, father of two children, asked, "Do you want families in Carmel? I like the quality of life here but I have two children and I'd like to see more kids in Carmel." Roger Parks said, "By further reducing the size, you will drive Carmel closer to being a retreat for the elite." "A family of four can't live in a 1,400 square foot house," said Jim Greg.

But several others, including Councilmen Ken White and Bob Fischer talked of raising their families in even smaller houses.

"The problem with the new houses is that they don't nestle," said Bruce Kinney, "They loom." Judy Lyle, one of those who organized Concerned Carmel Citizens which presented 812 signatures on a petition against the restriction, argued that well designed homes "nestle" and "you'll get as many unattractive 1,400 square foot as 1,600 square foot houses."

Despite the orderly parade of witnesses, there were bitter undertones in what has become an emotional dispute.

"Do we owe the developers and builders a living?" demanded David Dillworth as some in the audience hissed loudly. He suggested anyone who wanted a big house could "go out to the valley."

McKenzie suggests that people will build their houses closer to the road in order to save area at the rear for patios and decks because all such appurtenances, including driveways and paved walks count in the 50 percent floor room area allowed under the new ordinance.

Some developers also believe future houses will all be one-story and tend to look alike because a stairway takes up valuable space that would diminish the allotted 1,400 square feet of living space.

That anyone would choose to build less than the allowed size home was not expected.

"Land has become so valuable, people want to build as big a structure as possible," McKenzie said.

In a recent Carmel Valley controversy, the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) took a hard look at a landowner who sought permission for an 11,000 square foot house and is considering trying to amend the Valley's master plan to require Floor Area Restrictions on future homes.

Monterey has a 40 percent FAR but it includes a garage. Pacific Grove has a 40 percent lot requirement but permits the coverage to be doubled if a second story is built. Monterey County has FAR requirements in some areas.

The restrictions on size are a far cry from the days of new subdivisions which have minimum size restrictions. Some of these still exist even in Monterey County, including the Bay Ridge development which requires that a house be at least 2,800 square feet and preferably bigger on its acre-plus lots which sell for premium prices. Most builders believe they are maximizing their investment with huge homes.

There weren't many light moments during the session though Mayor Grace laughed that she thought probably everyone in town had spent the last few weeks "measuring the size of their homes." Virtually everyone who spoke started off by announcing the square footage of their house.

The 43rd person to speak, William Harrington, declared: "This is a red herring issue. What's really destroying Carmel is the sheep on the street. Carmel is overloaded with tourists. You can't park in front of your own house so what does it matter how big the house is?"

"Great entertainment," quipped a member of the audience.

And, indeed, sometimes the Carmel City council meetings seem like an evening's entertainment for many of the attendants. Democracy in action, they greatly resemble the New England town meeting though everyone in town gets to vote there on every issue.

A TYPICAL CARMEL cottage that "nestles" into the trees. Some residents believe the mature growth eventually makes most houses look like they belong in their environment. *Sun photos by Isabelle Hall*

NEW HOUSES being built as close to the road as setbacks allow in Carmel leave no room for landscaping and look as though they "loom" over the narrow street.

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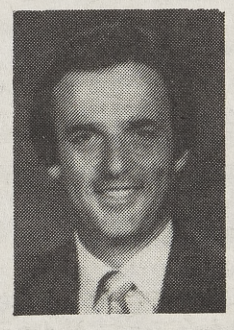

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Bush Galleries, under the management of **Carolin Doran,** will hold a grand opening reception at its new Barnyard location from 4 to 7 p.m., July 20. The Dover, Mass.-based gallery, features original art from children's books. Owner **Emily Bush** says they were the first in the nation to feature such works as art done by winners of the Caldecott Medal, the highest award given annually for children's book illustration.

Margo Christiansen has opened her own shop, **Margo's Fashions,** at Stonehouse Terrace, San Carlos and 7th, in Carmel where she is offering what she calls "the real California look, flowing gowns, elegant, feminine and sexy clothes." "The earthquake brought me down here," Christiansen told the *Sun*. She had a shop in San Mateo featuring furniture from Norway and Sweden for eight years, then moved to Crossroads for six months before settling in Carmel. She lives in Pebble Beach.

Bob and Jeanie Lor recently opened the **China Delight Restaurant** with a gracious dining room and busy takeout at Crossroads. The Lors owned the Nanking Garden in Santa Barbara for nine years. They are a second generation of Lor restauratuers. Lor's parents operated Dock Lor's Canton in Carmel for more than 20 years. "We decided cooking is all we know," said Jeanie. The restaurant was formerly operated as China Ocean.m

Lois Richardson of Pacific Grove, a Coast Guard veteran, has been elected president of the **Sea Otter WAVES,** the Monterey Peninsula branch of WAVES National, an organization of military women. **Blanche De Puy** of Carmel Valley, a former WAVE officer is the new vice president. There are 1.2 million living women veterans and 400,000 active duty women in the United States, the group reported.

Wendy Kimber and **Susan McDonald** at **Property Services** are responsible for planting the flower strip in front of **Mike Rohan's Beacon Gas Station** in the Village. The flowers only need water every 10 days because they are drought tolerant.

At the **Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce**, President **Steve Austin** is excited about the group's plan to publish a community calendar as its member newsletter. To be published six times a year, the calendar will be a central source of information for anyone needing to find a date for an event. The first edition is due out in September.

Dr. Austin is also excited about **Nick Lombardo** donating **Rancho Canada** for a **"Good Egg" golf tournament** in November, with all the proceeds going to support the chamber. The tournament is named for the prestigious "Good Egg" awards that are handed out annually in conjunction with the chamber's annual dinner. A final date for the tourney has not been set, but the chamber's next mixer is definitely scheduled for Aug. 21 at **Saddle Mountain.**

MARGO CHRISTIANSEN wears one of her flowing outfits in her new shop, Margo's Fashions, at Stonehouse Terrace in Carmel. *Sun photo by Carl Leaver*

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Assessment Mulled

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individual emergency ambulance charges, Heald said.

All the details about how it would work still have not been resolved. For instance, Heald said he did not know whether the assessment would be set up to cover all emergency calls made within the district, or just calls on behalf of residents of the district.

"That's one of the gray areas we have to resolve," he said. "We must be careful in determining the terms and conditions of the benefit assessment so that we do not discriminate against certain people by charging different rates."

Under the plan proposed for the region by the JPA, a paramedic would be stationed at the Mid Valley Fire station to respond to all EMS calls in the Valley.

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Team Competition:	Four member team open division; awards presented to top three teams; scoring based on overall finishing places.
Location:	Carmel Valley Village - Del Fino Place at Pilot Road.

Entry Form

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

Carmel Valley in 1962

A copy of the Carmel Valley Portfolio, a promotional booklet printed in 1962, turned up recently in the archives of Carmel Valley History Society. Even a quick look through the Carmel Valley advertisements and community interest items reveals a far quieter and more rural valley than the relatively rustic, still mostly pastoral place we call home today.

In 1962, Carmel Valley Road was still two lanes, starting from today's Carmel Rancho Shopping Center at the mouth of the valley. The shopping center, itself, in 1962 held only the Brinton's complex, which was then still a supermarket. The corner building housing today's McGinnis travel agency and radio station KRML wasn't built yet. And produce fields, not professional offices and condominiums, filled the acreage stretching south and west toward the Carmel River.

From the mouth of the valley, the next place to shop in 1962 was Farm Center, at the time a general store with two gas pumps out front. And, except for Martin's and Wolter's markets, along the road, that was the extent of the shopping until you got all the way to Carmel Valley Village.

In the Village in 1962, shops in the Airway Strip included the Grapevine, Winkler's Lapidary, the Airway Market, Corona's Market and Delicatessen, Bowers Pharmacy and the Stirrup Cup. Across and down the road was Carmel Valley Center, which held the main offices and processing center of the Talbott tie organization, as well as Totsie's Restaurant and the Carmel Valley Market with Getz Meats.

Other shops in the Village in 1962 were: the Thunderbird Bookshop located in today's law offices with the post office and The Coffee Shop next door along with the In and Outdoor Shop. The Carmel Valley Art Gallery occupied the former old milk house turned White Oaks Inn, and further down was the Hitching Post. Other restaurants included Will's Fargo, Norman's Restaurant, Reuben's Dinner House (today's Carmel Valley Library) and Leavell's.

For entertainment, you could attend the White Oaks Summer Theater which in 1962 was presenting "Bell, Book and Candle" and "Once Upon a Mattress."

From October to June, when not busy preparing for summer performances, the theater also offered dance and drama classes. The new Tantamount Theater, owned by John Ralph Geddis and Francois Martin, was located off Middle Canyon Road behind Los Laureles Lodge in 1962. The theater company offered touring professional attractions in drama, mime, music, poetry and film.

Resorts, always popular in the valley, numbered 13 and included the Adobe Oaks (Clyde and Beth Hitchcock), the Blue Sky Lodge (Louis Gardner), Canary Cottages (Byington Ford), the Hideaway Motel (Vivian and Joe Pastore), Los Laureles Lodge (Rudolph and Vera Bautz), Rancho del Monte Country Club (Harry Gillett), Robles del Rio Lodge (Bill and Kathleen Wood), Saddle Mountain Ranch (Milton and Marie Frumkin) and Valley Lodge (Florence and Charles Valentine). Tassajara Hot Springs was not yet a Zen Center and was operated by Robert Beck.

Agricultural output in the Lower Valley in 1962 listed Carmel Valley corn, which was already gaining a reputation throughout California for its small and tender kernels. Other produce included pears, artichokes, strawberries, hay, walnuts and apricots. But many of the rich farmlands had been subdivided over a decade earlier and even more were due to be converted to mini-ranchettes in the near future.

In order to prevent uncontrolled development, property owners in 1962 were already forming active associations, and homesites were required by the master plan to be a minimum of one acre, with many people having much larger pieces of property. By 1962, both the Upper and Lower Valleys were subject to design control in their commercial areas and an effort was being made to avoid tracts, substandard housing and over-commercialism.

For the golden age set in 1962, Hacienda Carmel had just been completed, with two more retirement communities still being planned. For the youngsters there was the Cowan School, a private kindergarten through grade nine boarding school located on Rippling River Ranch.

Public schools were the Tularcitos School in the Village, the Carmelo School at mid-valley with the new junior high school at the mouth of the valley.

Clubs in 1962 included two horseman associations, the Garden Club, the Gem and Mineral Society, Kiwanis, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H, Brownies, Cubs and a Flying Club. There were three churches in the valley. Sporting activities listed were deer hunting, wild boar hunting and steelhead trout fishing in the Carmel River.

In 1962, life was easier and more innocent in Carmel Valley. There was less traffic and there were fewer people. As the Carmel Valley Portfolio said: "The valley is a friendly place, populated by happy people from storekeepers, artists, craftsmen, philosphers, lots of people from the U.S. services, millionaires to just plain folks like you and me. Everyone in Carmel Valley has one goal in common. Live and let live in this magical land of beauty, peace and serenity..."

What's Blooming

EVERGREEN MAGNOLIAS *(M. Grandiflora)* These large evergreens with glossy dark green leaves are in flower now at various locations along Carmel Valley Road, among other places. Huge waxy white flowers are extremely fragrant. The tree has a pyramidal branching form and is often used on streets or in public places. Heat resistant. *Photo courtesy Monrovia Nursery Co.*

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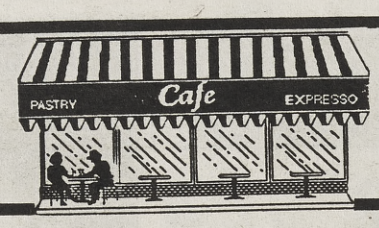

Domenico's

When you live in a beautiful area which attracts tourists in the huge numbers drawn to the Monterey Peninsula, you adopt an almost reverse lifestyle—you tend to stay home weekends and avoid restaurants popular with tourists. This can mean you're missing out on some good food.

Fisherman's Wharf, for example, is one place that surely every tourist will take in. I like to go there myself. So, when we have visitors, it's a good choice, and one place that satisifies the tourist and the appetite is Domenico's.

This bustling restaurant faces the marina full of boats. You expect to get fish and seafood fresh from the sea, and it is offered in abundance. The low-ceilinged dining room is noisy and busy. The service is fast. Sometimes you can't hear yourself or the waiter.

You have barely been seated before a heaping plate of salty Greek olives is placed before you: the perfect appetite-enhancer with a cocktail or wine. Then comes fresh bread and butter so you are well taken care of even if you have to wait for your waiter. So far, we never have. In fact, on a recent Saturday, we were truly pleased to find they had kept our table despite the fact we were late and the bar was jammed with patrons waiting for a table. We had called to warn them but still were pleasantly surprised.

The only question here is how hungry you are. Appetizers run the gamut from cracked crab and scallops to calamari, octopus, pickled herring, shrimp and crab cocktails, sashimi, smoked salmon and ceviche, oysters, clams, mussels or various combinations, escargot and oysters or scallops Rockefeller.

A waiter will offer the daily specials—usually fresh fish dishes. If pasta is your taste, there are not only seafood varieties but Alfredo, eggplant and raviolis, all homemade.

If by chance you don't like fish, Domenico's has filet mignon and a variety of range fed veal dishes which I have yet to sample. But the specialties may be the best of all, including Bouillabaise and Cioppino or Seafood Paella.

DOMENICO'S ON FISHERMAN'S WHARF has a large indoor bar and restaurant plus a fresh fish and seafood stand for strolling tourists. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

I am partial to the cioppino, a classic California dish with Italian heritage. It is presented as a huge plate full of crab, clams, mussels, shrimp, scallops, calamari and perhaps fresh cod or sole in a pungent tomato-garlic sauce. On a recent night, I tried the grilled fresh halibut, slightly overcooked for my taste, but a perfect piece of fish nonetheless, accompanied by crisply cooked broccoli, snow peas, yellow squash and little potatoes.

One friend had grilled salmon and another, large grilled shrimp. All were tasty. On another occasion, we splurged on the abalone—at $34 market price which is as rich as the price.

Domenico's entrees include clam chowder—nothing special—or a tomato-ginger soup which is an exceptional, creamy vermillion potage with the totally unexpected tang of ginger, plus a large plate of fresh salad greens.

In the continental style, the salad is served after the entree and, I suspect, few diners eat it as the entree portions are so large and the American taste tends toward ending meals with a sweet. But, if you have room, it is a refreshing pause before dessert.

Desserts are all housemade. I tend to browbeat people into ordering dessert so I can share them with you. Thus far, I can attest to a satisfying creme brulee, natural tasting vanilla ice cream, and a raspberry granita so intensely flavored it appeared to be spiked with a framboise liqueur.

Appetizers $4.50-$10.95; pasta $14.95-$20.95; entrees $18.95-$20.95; desserts, varied.

Domenico's, 50 Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey. 372-3655.

When I started this column nearly a year ago, I decided not to sign it because I wanted to go to restaurants where no one knew I was going to review them. I have proceeded with just two basic rules: I never write a review after only one visit, preferably after three or more; if I have an unpleasant experience, I prefer to give the establishment another chance. If there are no redeeming features, I may never review it. I aim to portray the ambience, service, type and class of food, and price range. *Isabelle Hall*

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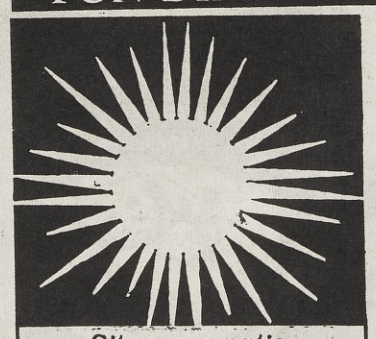

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Events

THUNDERBIRD FOR KIDS' 2nd birthday party, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 28, The Barnyard. 624-1803.

"EDUCATING RITA" by the Monterey Peninsula College Players, July 26—Aug. 11, 8 p.m. Cherry Foundation, Carmel, Thursday through Saturday. $8, $6 for students, seniors and military. 649-5561.

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" directed by David Rupert, Aug. 4—Sept. 3, 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Forest Theater, Carmel. $12.50, $10 children, seniors and military. 626-1681 or 649-5561.

TEA DANCE sponsored by Luz Vi Minda Lions Club, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 29, Monterey Sheraton, Monterey. $7. Proceeds benefit the visually impaired. 649-8235.

OLD MONTEREY PRESERVATION SOCIETY'S annual summer fiesta, 5-8 p.m., Aug. 19, Cooper-Molera Adobe (corner of Polk and Munras), Monterey. $5. Reservations. 649-7111.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST" by Oscar Wilde, Monterey Peninsula College Players, 8 p.m., Friday—Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday through Aug. 18, York School Theater. $8, $6 military, students, seniors. 649-5561.

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 20TH CENTURY CONSORT presents two chamber music concerts, Thursday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 4, 8 p.m. Hidden Valley Theater, Carmel Valley. $25 (patron) and $10 (general admission). 659-3115.

FOREST THEATER SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES features scenes from "The Merry Wives of Windsor," 2 p.m. July 29, Forest Theater, Carmel. Free.

STRESS MANAGEMENT, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 1—Aug. 29, Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula. $40. 625-4708.

AIRWISE ASTHMA SUPPORT Group for teenagers and their parents, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Free.

MONTEREY CONTRA DANCE with callers and live music, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 4, YMCA of Monterey Peninsula, Monterey. $4. A beginners' workshop will be held from 7-7:30 p.m.

YMCA YOUTH SOCCER CAMP with Carlos Volpini, Aug. 6-10, Aug. 20-24 and Aug. 27-31. Girls and boys ages 8-14 meet 8:30 to noon and girls and boys ages 5-7 meet 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sessions 1 and 3 will be at Carmel Middle School and session 2 at Tularcitos School. $90 includes full uniform and ball. 373-4167.

THE REV. ROY BLUMHORST will be installed as the fifth pastor of St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 3 p.m., Sunday, July 29, at the Church Sanctuary on Carmel Valley Road near Schulte Road. 624-2049.

Fiesta to Feature More Music

"I've got a lot of friends in the Valley, and it's still very close to my heart," said Ketcham, whose cartoon character has been bringing smiles to newspaper readers for 40 years.

Ketcham said he lived in the Valley from 1954 to 1959 when he moved to Switzerland. On his return to the area, he settled in Pebble Beach.

"All the proceeds from T-shirt sales will go to the Carmel Valley History Society's building fund," Clough said. The society is raising money to build a new, permanent headquarters on land it has been promised on the Cooper Ranch addition to the Valley's Garland Park.

The celebration marks Carmel Valley's 101st anniversary.

Gene Erner, who is in charge of arranging musical entertainment, said bands would be playing virtually nonstop during the two days.

On Saturday, he said Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers would play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Jimmy Mamon and The Blue Shadows, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and the Monterey Mariachas from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

John Keller's Strictly Country and The Sliders will play for the Saturday evening street dance on Del Fino Place.

On Sunday, Billy Ingram and Friends will play in the morning, while Nick Williams' Rock and Roll Review, with Laurie Hofer on vocal, will wrap things up in the afternoon.

In addition to booths selling a number of good things to eat, the midway will include a section offering a wide variety of arts and crafts.

Ron Bean, a local artist in charge of that section, told the *Sun* that as of July 19, he had applications for 34 booths "and more are still coming in."

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Fiesta organizers, meantime, announced plans to provide ample parking. Lee Rieman, in charge of security for the fete, said Carmel Valley airport will be closed during the Fiesta and the entire eastern end of it used for parking.

Fiesta activities will be centered at the Community Park, Tularcitos school and nearby Del Fino Place. Del Fino will be closed on Saturday to prepare for the dance, but other streets in the Village also will be available for parking.

Reiman said additional overflow parking will be available at the Hidden Valley Music Seminars at Carmel Valley and Ford Roads.

The Fiesta grew out of the success of Carmel Valley's observance last year of the 100th anniversary of the post office in the Village. Bud McDonald, this year's general chairman, has said organizers hope to attract more than the 3,000-4,000 people who attended each day of the Centennial celebration.

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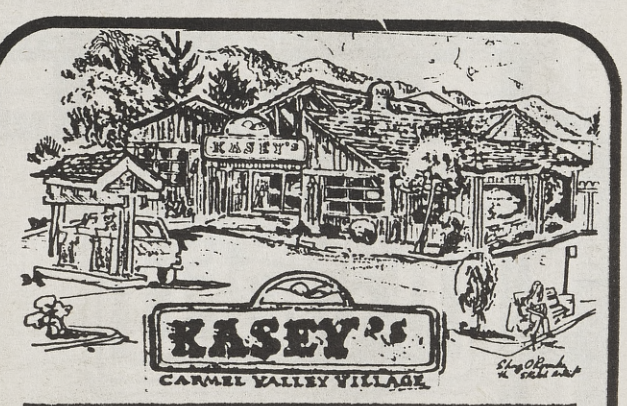

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Out and About

By Stan Hall

You know what I miss most living in this part of California? Thunderstorms.

Thunderstorms are nature's own fireworks, complete with sound effects. They're as magnificent as they are menacing.

Even when they occur in the daytime, the storm usually makes the sky so dark you can see the lightning clearly. At night, they are even more spectacular. Sometimes the lightning nearly all strikes vertically. At other times, you can see the mostly horizontal bolts playing along the light, puffy under-edges of the clouds.

To my mind, it is nature's most spectacular show, displayed on a stage that can cover the horizon and reach 15 miles high. If you live where it's flat, you can see them coming a long way off.

Nearly everywhere I've lived before, I've been able to watch and enjoy them. Even when I worked in New York City, I enjoyed seeing the lightning reflecting off the skyscrapers and hearing the thunder reverberate through the man-made canyons.

But the best place to appreciate them is out in the open. Sometimes single cells form, but more typically, a number of thunderstorms will form in a line and you can watch them advance in a row like soldiers.

Whenever I see thunderstorms, I always watch for the lightning and then start to count to try to tell how far away the center of activity is. Count one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, one-thousand-three—how high you get before the sound of the thunder reaches you is supposed to be how many miles away the lightning struck.

From a distance, you can see the area where it's raining under the cloud; it's usually darker even than the roiling clouds behind it, and because thunderstorms tend to move fast, this area of rain usually looks like its set at an angle to the ground. When you see that area of rain, and it's not reaching all the way to the ground, evaporating as it falls, it's called verga.

Thunderstorms are cumulo-nimbus clouds. Their trademark, aside from the lightning and often drenching downpours, is the puffy white anvil-shaped cloud that always points in the direction in which they are traveling. Most of the time, they move basically west to east.

Thunderstorms add variety to the long hot days of summer in most other regions of the country, bringing a break in the heat and usually some moisture for the crops, pastures and lawns. Here along the coast, summertime weather gets monotonous. It's either foggy or sunny, depending on how far away you are from the sea. There's no punctuation—nothing in the weather to set one week apart from the others for months on end. Of course, it doesn't rain, either.

True, thunderstorms can also bring destruction and even death when they carry tornadoes, hailstorms or fatal lightning strikes with them.

The higher the storm reaches into the sky, the more likely it will be dangerous. On the High Plains of Texas where I grew up, thunderclouds sometimes reach 75,000 feet. Down around the equator, they climb even higher.

The big ones are the ones to watch out for. Thunderstorms are basically heat engines. They are triggered by high temperatures which start to cause air to rise. As it rises, it creates a vacuum, drawing more air in from the surrounding areas and spewing it out the top.

Rain that falls from thunderstorms and evaporates before it hits the ground is called verga.

If it stays hot enough long enough, a big thunderstorm eventually will be drawing in a huge fountain of air, driving it upwards so that it cools and the moisture in it condenses, creating raindrops. A big violent storm will keep throwing the water droplets up repeatedly until chunks of ice are formed, finally becoming so heavy they fall to earth.

Our coastal area gets few thunderstorms because the prevailing on-shore wind is too cool to trigger them. The ones we do get are usually associated with the passage of a front. While they do contain some lightning, they're nothing like the huge storms that I remember—and even miss, having been here for two years now.

One bad storm that I would like to have missed occurred the year that I had the best wheat crop I ever raised in Texas. Unfortunately, my wheat was right in the path of the thundercloud.

It hailed eight minutes. It covered the ground six to eight inches deep. I've seen entire winters in Texas where we didn't get that much snow. The hail beat the roofs off the few houses in its path. The west sides of the wood siding houses were left pockmarked. They looked like someone had beat on them with a ball peen hammer.

Before it started hailing, I had 1,600 acres of wheat that I figured would make maybe 60 bushels an acre. Even before the last hailstone hit the ground, I knew my wheat was gone.

After the hail, it rained hard. The rain washed the green wheat stalks that had been cut off and the hailstones that did the dirty work into big piles. On the east side of the farm, the piles washed onto a paved farm-to-market road, and the County had to send out a grader to open it up. Before I could work that ground again, I had to burn the leftover piles of straw so I could get a disc through them.

Lightning in such storms is particularly dangerous to people working the fields on tractors. I've always heard this is because the tractors are metal, they are hot and their exhausts are sticking up in the air and the implements they are pulling are grounded in the earth.

When I was a boy, my closest friend was C. L. Calloway, a boy a few years older than me who lived on a nearby farm. One summer he was working for a neighbor, plowing wheat ground with an old row crop tractor. A little cloud came up and lightning hit his tractor. The strike didn't kill him, because he tried to stop. But he hit only one brake, locking it before he fell off. With one rear wheel locked, the tractor started turning in a tight circle, the disc striking C. L. with every pass it made.

I didn't want to go to the funeral, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. The body in the casket didn't look like the boy I had known at all.

Even though thunderstorms can be devastating—even deadly—mostly they are welcome. There is nothing quite like the smell of the first few drops of rain that fall from them on a hot afternoon. When it's really dry, those first few drops—and the first drops always seem to be the biggest ones—send up little puffs of dust when they strike the thirsty ground.

If you've really been needing rain, it's marvelous to stand in the door of a tin barn and hear the raindrops beating faster and faster on the roof. If there's no hail in it, it can sound like money in the bank.

It hailed eight minutes, and 1,600 acres of wheat were gone.

But the most spectacular thunderstorms I remember were in the high mountains, over clear lakes. The lakes reflected the lightning, and the booming thunder, echoing back and forth between the peaks, created a sensational show of light and sound.

I've seen that kind of show in the Rockies—in Colorado—and in Quebec with my wife. It's glorious, and I do miss it.

Right now, I'd gladly take either a big thunderbuster on the plains, or a high mountain display. One of these days, I may have to go off in search of thunderstorms, as crazy as that may sound to natives of the California coast.

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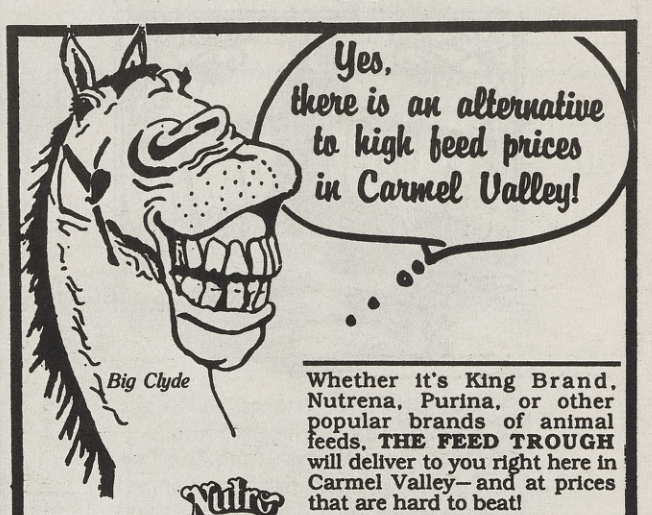

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Rancho San Carlos Honors Manager Luttrell

Rancho San Carlos is a big place and does things in a big way, so the party it tossed for retiring ranch manager Bill Luttrell shouldn't be surprising.

Some 225 members of his family, friends and associates turned out Sunday, July 15 for a party and barbecue in the redwood grove near San Clemente Flats in the northeast corner of the 20,000-acre spread.

Luttrell first went to work at the ranch 30 years ago. He left in 1967, but returned in 1975 and spent the last 15 as manager.

At age 74, he is retiring to his own place in Western Idaho, where he has 40 acres and just enough work "to keep me out of mischief.

Asked what he expected to miss most about leaving Rancho San Carlos, Luttrell told the *Sun*, "the tranquility, I guess. Behind the locked gates and with nature all around, there's no other place like this left."

A native of Paducah, Tex., Luttrell will be succeeded by Pat Martin, an experienced rancher who is moving down from Novato.

"If I was 20 years younger, I wouldn't think of leaving," Luttrell said. He added, however, that he knows more about cows than the development the new owners are planning for the property.

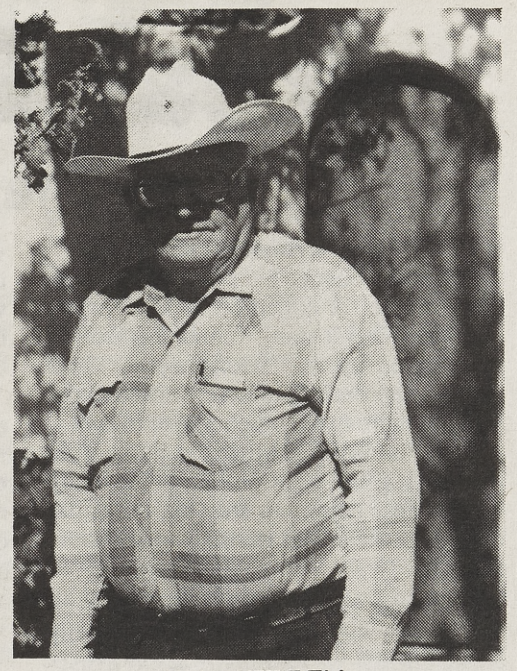
Tom Kornrumpf, one of the partners in Pacific Union Co., which purchased the ranch for $70 million, said Luttrell would stay on a retainer and work one week a month to help the company as it prepares its plans to develop the ranch.

As for the party, Kornrumpf said: "I've been to a lot of parties in my time, and I'll tell you, I've never seen any quite like this one."

Agreed Luttrell: "They're (the new owners) awful nice people. I've only worked for them since February, and they spent a lot of money on me. It was first class."

As for the development proposed on the ranch, Luttrell said the new owners "are nice people, and they know where they're going. But they've certainly got their work cut out for them."

Luttrell, who said he will celebrate his 54th wedding anniversary in September, isn't going to run mother cows on his retirement place in Idaho, just stockers he can handle in the summer. "In the winter, I'm going to sit inside and just watch it snow," he said.



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Real Estate Report

The Accidental Agent

By Bert Aronson, RE/MAX

For years buyers have walked into an "open house" or called on a classified ad and have accidentally found themselves represented by the "wrong agent." This random approach may have worked in the past but there is too much at risk today.

There is more to buying a home than just finding the right property. This may be the most important step but the entire buying process has become much more complex.

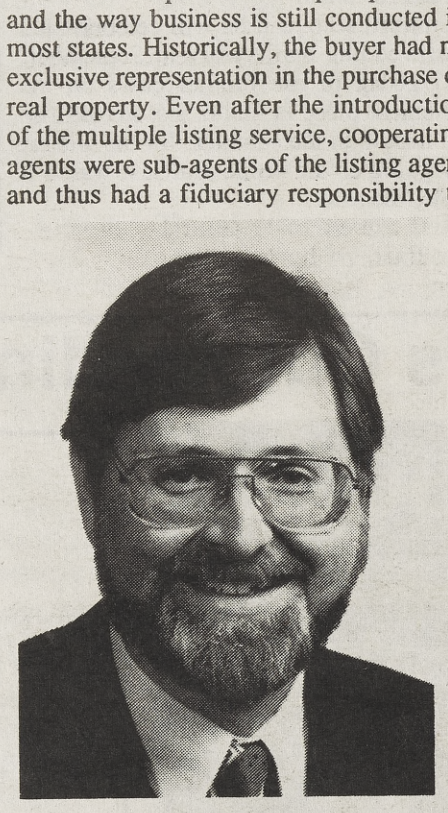
How do you know you have viewed all of your available alternatives? How do you know whether the property is priced fairly? What is the most effective way to negotiate the best possible price and terms? Are you financially qualified to purchase the property?

A typical real estate contract (deposit receipt) is four pages of legal "boiler plate." In some offices, the deposit receipt is seven pages. Add to this, disclosure statements on agency relationships, sellers' and agents' property disclosures required by law, water usage disclosures, hazardous materials disclosures, flood zone disclosures, geological disclosures, structural pest reports, roof inspections, septic inspections, city inspection reports and independent contractor inspection reports, and a purchase file can easily be an inch thick. Further, most of us must finance our real estate purchase, which leads to even more paperwork.

Who can you trust to guide you through the maze to a successful real estate purchase? Will the seller or his listing agent be looking out for your best interests or the seller's?

Fortunately, California law now permits a buyer to select a real estate broker who will represent the buyer exclusively but who may be paid a sales commission by the seller. Thus, a buyer can have an agent who provides maximum protection for the buyer's interests at no additional cost to the buyer!

This is a departure from past practices and the way business is still conducted in most states. Historically, the buyer had no exclusive representation in the purchase of real property. Even after the introduction of the multiple listing service, cooperating agents were sub-agents of the listing agent and thus had a fiduciary responsibility to



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the seller. That is the agent writing the offer still had to give primary loyalty to the seller and not the buyer.

With the knowledge and consent of both the buyer and the seller, an agent may represent both the buyer and seller. This situation is commonly known as "dual agency." Dual agency, in effect, neutralizes the agent (and sub-agent) in a transaction because he must represent the interests of both parties.

Under the current law, the only way for a buyer to have exclusive representation in a purchase transaction is to have the contract prepared by a firm other than that of the firm that has the listing for the sale of the property. When a contract is prepared by any sales associate of the same firm which has listed the property for sale, a dual agency situation may be created and the buyer loses exclusive representation. If the seller does not agree, the buyer can end up with no representation in the transaction.

Local statistics indicate that approximately 70 percent of the sales of multiple listed properties involve cooperative sales in which the purchase contract is not prepared by the firm which listed the property for sale. Not all of these are with exclusive buyer representation, but the trend is definitely in that direction.

If you want to make sure that you have proper representation in the purchase of real property, choose wisely. You certainly would not select a physician, accountant or attorney at random. Since, you invest more in real estate than on the services of all other professionals combined, it is foolish not to make the proper selection of a Realtor your priority.

Before you choose a Realtor to represent you, ask for references and experience. Interview your prospective Realtor at his or her office. Ask some hard questions before you begin looking at properties.

For most people, real estate is their single largest investment. Don't end up with the "accidental agent."

Coach, Swimmer Attend Festival

Coach Donn Squire and Heather Pease of Carmel Valley and the Cypress Swim Club are back home after successfully participating in the U. S. Olympic Sports Festival in Minneapolis earlier this month.

Pease, just 14 and the youngest swimmer named to participate in synchronized swimming at the festival, finished ninth in solo competition, prompting Squire to declare she was all but a cinch to make the U. S. Olympic team to go to Barcelona in 1992. "That is certainly her goal," he said.

Pease was one of three designated soloists swimming for the West Zone squad. She also swam with an eight-girl team that took a silver medal.

Squire, recently named the outstanding developmental coach in the country by United States Synchronized Swimming, Inc., was making his first appearance as a coach at a festival, although he had been a judge previously. He shared West Zone coaching duties with Michele Costanza of the Santa Clara Aquamaids.

He said it was "enjoyable, but gruelling and fatiguing." He said the Midwestern heat and humidity made it difficult.

Asked if he might not also go to Barcelona in two years, Squire said the coaches' positions "are very coveted. It would be a stepping stone to more prestigious things—a step up."

The festival, held every year but Olympic years to generate interest in amateur sports and the Olympic goals, was televised extensively on ESPN. Athletes participated in 27 different sports during the week-long event which started July 1.

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LOWER CARMEL VALLEY

26065 DOUGHERTY PLACE. James P. & Karen F. Calandra to Robert S. & Helen D. Jaques. $465,000.

10238 OAKSHIRE DRIVE. Landmark Land Co. of Calif., Inc. to Dale Strickland. $170,000.

10641 HIDDEN MESA PLACE. Looram, Ltd. to John W. Hall & Linda S. Lewis. $589,500.

98 HACIENDA CARMEL. Alice M. Rice to Annot L. Ahern. $120,000.

11790 SADDLE ROAD. John M. Bauer & Andrew Runnoe to Elaine S. & J. Kenneth Little. $950,000.

19 HACIENDA CARMEL. Kenneth M. Doolittle to Steve L. Ziff. $86,500.

132 DEL MESA CARMEL. Fred G. Strong to Judson T. & Marcella S. Stull. $292,500.

25527 FLANDERS DRIVE. William A. & Shirley A. Madsen to Ryan Investment Corp. $295,500.

65 HACIENDA CARMEL. Nanci Shafsy & Fran Ragno to Ida G. Buck & DeAnna B. Yateman. $113,500.

4000 RIO ROAD #61. Geri Smith to Charles F. & Ruby C. Drobkiewicz. $260,000.

10166 OAKWOOD CIRCLE. Landmark Land Co. of Calif. to Citizens Realty, Inc. $560,500.

UPPER CARMEL VALLEY

FORD ROAD. Vera M. Stokes & Lois V. Deal to Brent E. Siler. $165,000.

9 MIRAMONTE ROAD. Ronald D. & Myrna S. Mink to Louisa Jane Judge Modisette. $1,940,000.

142 NASON ROAD. Mary W. Elber to Ken & Mike Roth. $155,000.

146 CALLE DE LA VENTANA. Michael & Cindy L. Thatcher to Charles A. Skorina. $330,000.

26 DE LOS HELECHOS. Tony C. & Shawnie F. Tollner to Merritt N. & & Lynn Segel Bruce. $280,000.

19239 CACHAGUA ROAD. Caston B. & Rachel L. Beauchamp to Donald W. & Jane L. Covington. $200,000.

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210 SAN REMO DRIVE. James V. & Angela B. Duffy to Jack M. & Maureen D. Signorella. $200,000.

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26275 HILLTOP PLACE. Frank W. Fraass to Christopher & Pamela Carroll. $565,000.

3406 THIRD AVENUE. Woodpoppy Equity Exchange, Inc. to Five Oaks Partnership. $510,000.

26341 RIO ROAD. Jeffrey R. & Andrea Colker to Howard L. & Nancy M. Hassen. $795,000.

Water Quality Stirs Debate

Continued from back page

problems, Ward said, "the bacterial quality of our water is very good in all the wells." Cal Am checks for bacteria daily at the San Clemente Dam which is fed by the Los Padres Dam. The water then goes into the Carmel River and seeps into 48 subbasin areas.

Cal Am pumps its water from a number of wells, basically all along the Carmel River. The mid valley wells contain iron and manganese, which cause aesthetic but not health problems, said Ward.

Another potential problem is saltwater contamination. Oliver has found salt in a monitor well near the Carmel River Beach area. "We want to keep a close watch on it," Oliver said. He doesn't know if this is being caused by the lack of water to flush it out due to the drought or if it is normal for the area where salt and fresh water meet. He did warn that if saltwater continues to come in, it could get trapped due to a lip formation in the geology there which might prevent it from being flushed out even in a heavy rain season.

In case of continued drought and use of water from the Carmel Valley aquifer, Oliver said the possibility exists that the sea water could intrude further inland, but "it hasn't happened yet."

Another potential problem is the occurrence of trihalomethanes (THM's), a group of four compounds suspected to be carcinogenic. "These do not occur naturally but form after chlorinating surface water," Ward said. Cal Am tests tap water from 40 customers each month and THM's have always been within the EPA's acceptable rate.

According to water authorities interviewed by the *Sun*, part of the buildup of undesirable substances in underground aquifers comes from a lack of flushing action due to the drought and continued pumping to supply water users.

Strasser Kauffman maintains that Carmel Valley residents should not suffer all the consequences of water problems caused by the whole Peninsula. She said that water is being used by big hotels and restaurants in Carmel and Monterey and distributed out of Carmel Valley to areas as far away as Seaside.

"I can't see punishing the people in Carmel Valley for the extensive buildup on the rest of the Peninsula," she said, referring to a possible building moratorium. "It's the whole area's problem, and the way to address it is through the Water Management District." She is the Board of Supervisors' representative on the Water Management District board of directors.

Paradoxically, if big rains ever do come, the amount of nitrates and ammonia in the water may increase before it decreases. Besides coming from septic tanks, nitrates can be caused by organisms in the soil and may build up during a dry season, Ward said. The percolation through the soil during a rainy season may deliver these nitrates to the water supply. "We saw a spike (sharp increase) after the last drought," Ward said, adding that "the level has always come back down."

Ward points out that the Peninsula is better off than other locations when it comes to water quality, "principally from the standpoint that we have no heavy industry or agriculture that causes the possibility of contamination. The worst thing you can say about our water at this point is that it is very hard. This doesn't affect your health."

But no one argues that intense monitoring is not justified. While Ward said "I do not look for any major problems," he added that Cal Am remains vigilant in checking for anything that might indicate a new trend. He admits that septic tanks can cause problems and "the more septic tanks there are, the more chance you have for problems."

Strasser Kauffman said she would be guided by Wong in water matters. "He's conscientious and conservative," she said.

Wong has been with the health department for 30 years and has served in his current job since 1971. He said the people of the Monterey Peninsula are good in their environmental concerns. "I don't want them to relax."

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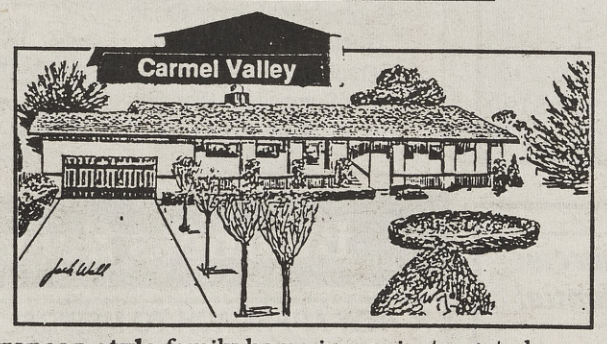

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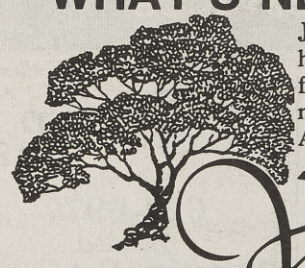

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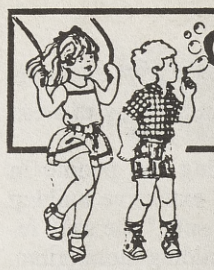

Community Center Corner

By Kathleen Tarp

If you missed Music in the Park last Sunday, you missed a great time. "Homefire," just about the neatest bunch of bluegrass guys around, were outstanding! We had about 400 happy listeners who kicked back on the lawn, soaked up the sun, and felt real fine. Besides pickin' and strummin' their brains out, "Homefire," the band with a heart, turned this event into a benefit and donated all the money they would have earned to the John Prejean Family. Thanks, guys, and thanks also go out to Linda Christian (vocalist at The Ridge Restaurant) and Vicki Scardini.

Aug. 26 is "Barefoot Surfin' Safari Food Faire" presented by KMBY/KOOL GOLD and the Community Center. Get out your ugliest Hawaiian shirt, grab your board, bring your appetite, catch a wave and bonzai down to the Community Center. Every restaurant in the Village has been invited to participate in this first annual boogie down event. We're gonna have everything from ribs to baklava, loaded with sprouts of course. Most importantly, there will be big prizes for the ugliest Hawaiian shirt. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon? Admission is FREE because all we want to do is get everybody together for a great time. So, jump in your little deuce coupe and look for the "wipe out" signs.

Chili Lovers Unite! Now is the time to get your friends together and enter into the 5th Annual Chili Cookoff. Saturday, Sept. 22 is the RED HOT DAY when you can win big bucks for having a great time. This is going to be the biggest, the best, the rootin-tootinist cookoff yet! So, grab everyone you work with, everyone you eat with, everyone you co-mingle with, and come out of the closet. We've lowered the chili-makers' fee to a mere $35 bucks so, who cares if you think you can't cook..let us be the judge...come party with us. K-TOM's Andy McCoy, the voice of country radio, will be here to spur you on. If you like what's been going on down here at the Community Center, show your support and get cookin'. Call Kathleen at 659-3983 for entry blanks.

Whoopee for Hacienda Videos! Tom and Bobby Jensen, owners of Hacienda Videos, are going to celebrate their fourth year anniversary by giving back to the community. They are having a raffle at the store and for a donation of $1, you can win a silver Carmel Valley Centennial belt buckle, worth $500, as well as free movies and other prizes. Enter as often as you like because the most incredible thing about this is that Tom has decided to give ALL THE PROCEEDS to the Community Center! Thanks Tom. Carmel Valley is the "best" place on earth to live and you just made it better.

Are those little urchins driving you crazy by hounding you to come up with inventive things for them to do because they're "oh-so-very-bored-and-there's-absolutely-nothing-to-do?" Have you pulled out almost every hair on your head and you're beginning to look like Telly Savalas? Fear no more...it's the Community Center to the rescue. MONDAYS from 10 a.m.-noon: Acting Class for kids of all ages. WEDNESDAYS from 1-4 p.m. Artists Workshop for kids of all ages. THURSDAYS: FROM 10-11:30 a.m. Cartooning...any kid can join and learn how to draw the toons. FRIDAY 1-4 p.m. Game Club for 10 years of age and up. Plus EVERY DAY IS SWIM DAY from noon to 4 p.m. That leaves you with only Tuesday to worry about.

Keep those ideas comin' in, folks! The Community Center was built by the people for the people, so come on down and get involved. Just remember, bring a smile!

Fiesta to Honor John Prejean

John Prejean, the man and his music, will be remembered as a part of the Carmel Valley Fiesta on Aug. 11.

Organizers of the celebration planned to play a tape of Prejean singing at the Carmel Valley Centennial last year and ask for a moment of silence before the start of a street dance to recognize him.

He was killed July 11 when a car went off Palo Colorado Road in Big Sur and plunged some 400 feet into a canyon. Also killed was Barney Joe Grimm II, 34. Sheriff's investigators said they were unable to tell which man had been driving at the time of the accident.

Prejean, 44, who lived in the Jamesburg area, had been a performer on the peninsula for some 20 years. A one-time guitarist for Jerry Lee Lewis, he had been trying to break into the musical big-time on his own just before his death. Last year, he released an album "Open Hearts," and recently, had recorded three singles produced by his friend, Brian Gingerich.

A native of New Orleans, Prejean is survived by two daughters, Lucia and Michelle Grimm of Carmel Valley; his mother, Adele Prejean of New Orleans, and a sister, Judith Wait of Midland, Mich.

Before the dance, a tape of Prejean singing the Centennial song at last year's celebration will be played for the crowd.

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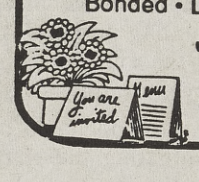

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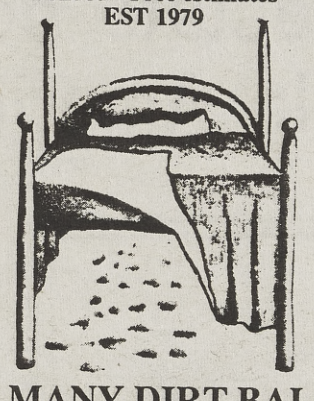
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After Four Drought Years

Experts Disagree on State of Region's Water Quality

By Carolyn Rice

After four years of drought, how is the quality of the water holding up in the area?

Ask that question of enough experts and you're almost bound to get a difference of opinion. The *Sun* did when it undertook an investigation of water quality.

Walter Wong, Monterey County director of environmental health, said peninsula residents should be "slightly worried" about water quality. He expressed concern about the possible start of a buildup of nitrates in the Carmel River aquifer in some locations and said trace amounts of the cancer-causing chemical trihalomethane have been found in the peninsula's drinking water supply.

But Roger Ward, water quality superintendent for California-American Water Co., the privately owned company which actually supplies most of the area's water, said the data does not support Wong's concern at this time. "We might start seeing trends which indicate a problem. The data just isn't there now."

Ward said he believed that Wong is conducting a personal campaign to get sewers installed throughout Carmel Valley to do away with septic tanks. "While I do not disagree with the importance of septic tanks in relation to water quality, I do disagree with the use of scare tactics to further one's ideas as to the proper handling of domestic waste," Ward complained. His complaint about Wong was contained in a letter he wrote to the California Department of Health Services after an article appeared in *The Herald* with comments attributed to Wong.

Ward went on to say that he felt the Monterey County Health Department should look "to the obvious rather than the expensive. Instead of the tens of millions of dollars in sewer connections, they should be enforcing and monitoring septic tank design criteria," he wrote.

ARTICHOKES ALONG Highway 1 get a summer irrigation. Water quality is critical to the area's rich agricultural industry as well as to homeowners. A major concern in this area is seawater intrusion. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Local water authorities do mention nitrates first when they are asked about potential threats to the area's water quality. A nitrate is any one of a number of chemical compounds, most commonly a salt or ester of nitric acid.

Septic tanks, especially ones that are not functioning properly, can release nitrates into the soil. Depending on the type of soil and location of the water supply, effluent from septic tanks has the potential of contaminating the water supply with nitrates. Nitrates can also get into the water supply in a variety of other ways, including naturally.

Ward said, for example, that even though Seaside has a sewage system, some wells located there had a high nitrate level. It may come from layers of marine sediment in the bottom of the well. "It's hard to say where they come from," he said, adding that the high nitrate level wells have been abandoned.

Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets the acceptable level of nitrates in drinking water at 45 parts per million. The Carmel Valley Master Plan stipulates that an even lower level, 25 parts per million, would trigger one of the safeguard mechanisms built into the plan to protect the area from overbuilding.

"At this point, we would have the means to call a halt to all building activity. Then we would assess the situation," said fifth district Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman. The assessment could lead to an all-out building moratorium or other steps, she said.

In a report recently submitted to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board, staff hydrologist Joe Oliver cited a nitrate level of 18 parts per million in one Carmel Valley monitor well. But Ward said the Cal Am water quality monitoring consistently shows "less than 0.5 in Cal Am wells." He said that the highers nitrate levels have been found in shallow wells, not the deeper wells from which Cal Am pumps its water.

The one known effect of nitrates is "blue babies," according to Wong. If a young baby drank water with a high nitrate content, it would deplete the oxygen in its system and cause it to suffocate, he said.

Talking about other possible water

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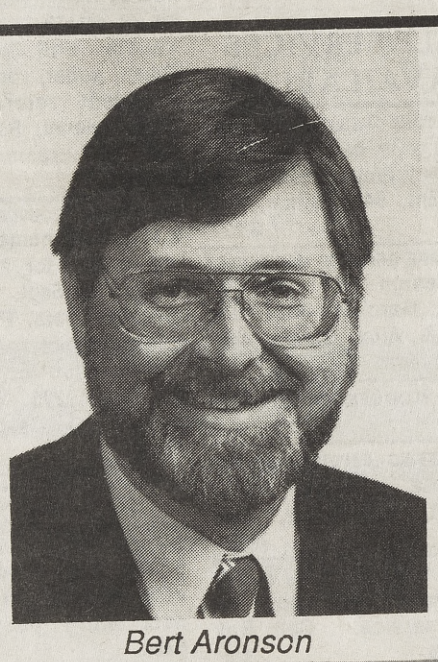

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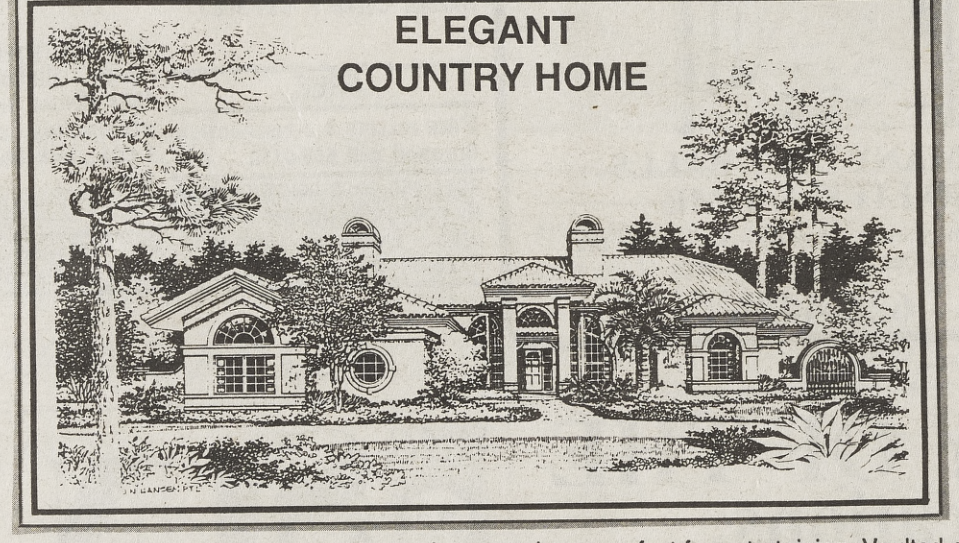

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